BAGHDAD (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said Monday that an Arah summit meeting should be convened as a matter of urgency, Arafat, interviewed on Baghdad Television, said developments on the Palestinian question and the situation in Lebanon required "a unified Arab stand and an Arab plan decided by a summit meeting which must be held as quickly as possible." The next meeting of heads of state of the Arab League is due to be held in Saudi Arabia hut no date has yet been fixed. Arafat said he proposed when he and Egyptian President Hospi Mubarak visited Iraq last October that a summit should be held in Baghdad. But Iraqi President Saddam Hussein replied that he would host a summit only if it was considered as an extraordinary meeting since the ordinary summit should held in Saudi Arabia. Arafat left Baghdad Sunday night for Oman, where he held talks Monday with Sultan Quboos Ihn Sa'id.

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Visits ministries of agriculture, energy and mineral resources, tourism

# King directs ministry to compensate farmers

We want Jordan to assume an

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At the outset of the meeting,

King Hussein heard a hriefing

from Minister of Agriculture Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber on the

ministry's projects and program-

mes to promote the agricultural

sector, which provides work for

12 per cent of Jordan's total

He said the ministry was car-

rying out 24 agricultural projects,

most of which in cooperation with

Arah and international funds and

friendly nations. The minister

cited the Zarqa and the Hammad

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Hussein on the ministry's project

to increase cereal production and

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At the end of the visit, King

to green the Kingdom.

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Jaber also spoke about the

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regard," King Hussein said.

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday issued directives to the Ministry of Agriculture to compensate farmers whose crops were severely affected by the recent wave of frost.

The directives were issued dur- of insects and harmful pests. ing a visit the King paid to the Ministry of Agriculture, accompanied hy Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Royal Court Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

King Hussein said due attention should he given to training of ministry staff with a view to rais-ing their standards and improving their performance. Ministry employees should attend refresher and in-depth courses in different specialisations to acquaint themselves with up-to-date technology and applications, the King said. He added that proper attention should be given by the ministry to the problem of disintegration and misuse of land, and emphasised the need for the ministry to improve the strains of wheat produced in Jordan in the dry lands and to help farmers make better use of agricultural land.

The King said comprehensive land surveys and land reclamation should be carried out.

The King said the ministry should help maintain Jordan's credibility in Arab and foreign markets and should help rid the Jordan Valley and Aqaba regions Hussein signed the ministry's reg-

ister expressing in brief remarks his total confidence in the ministry and its staff and voicing satisfaction with its programmes

The King expressed absolute government support for the ministry's endeavours to promote agricultural production.

The King also visited the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources and the Natural Resources Authority and was hriefed by Minister Hisham Al Khatih on the ministry's efforts to benefit from alternative sources of energy.

Khatih said the first solar energy station in the region was established in Jordan and that the Kingdom was considered advanced in the field of energy studies and utilisation.

The minister said that workers in government agencies were heing trained to use computers through advanced courses, pointing out that several friendly countries have benefitted from the Jordanian experience in the area of consultancies on energy.

Khatih added that in the area of geology and minerals, a com-prehensive study had been conducted to discover natural mineral resources in the Kingdom in addition to encouraging the establishment of local industries such as the glass and ceramic industries. He said the national effort for the exploration of oil has achieved progress in coopera-

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troops

retake

barracks

LA TABLADA, Argentina (R)

- Argentine troops Monday regained control of an army

barracks after four hours of

intense fighting with members of an insurgent "New Argen-

tine Army" in which at least

An officer on guard at the

entrance to the La Tablada

barracks on the outskirts of

Buenos Aires told reporters

most of the insurgents, carlier

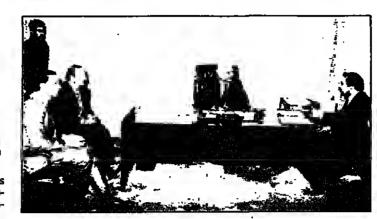
estimated by police at around

The officer did not say how

many had died in the fighting

50, had "been eliminated."

nine people died.







His Majesty King Husseln Monday visits the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (Photos by Yousef Al 'Allan and Petra)

### LAST-MINUTE NEWS

### Bush says U.S. to seek peace

CAIRO (R) — President George Bush told Egyptian President Hosui Mnbarak Monday the United States was keen to play a positive role in Arab-Israeli peace, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported. MENA said Bush, who began his first working day as president Monday, called Mnbarak hy telephone to thank him for a message of congratulations sent when he took office Friday. Bush also said Washington wanted to increase cooperation with Cairo.

### Syria: Arabs ready to work with Bush

DAMASCUS (R) - Syria said Monday that Arabs would cooperate with new U.S. President Bush if be worked for a just peace in the Middle East. "If the Bush administration can match words with deeds it will find the Arabs, all Arabs, are actually more interested and ready to further cross steps towards the long-sought peace in the Middle East," said the daily Syria Times. "This peace should not be based on adopting Israel's stances in total at the expense of the Arabs as has been always the case with previous American administrations," the paper said in a commentary.

### Norwegians were PLO-Israeli 'mailmen'

OSLO (AP) - Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg was quoted Monday as saying the Norwegian Labour Party passed messages between the Palestine Libertion Organisation (PLO) and Israeli groups for five years. "While Labour was in opposition we acted as mailman between PLO and certain Israeli groups. Since Labour took over the government in May 1986 we also arranged contacts between PLO and American authorities," Stoltenberg told the Klassekampen daily. He did not identify the Israelis to whom the messages were delivered or discuss their content.

### Kuwait fights new locust invasion

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait sent aircraft Monday to spray insecticide on locust swarms threatening farms near its southern Wafra region, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported. It quoted an agriculture official as saying a swarm of locusts invaded Sunday. A first swarm settled in northern Kuwait in October, part of the biggest locust wave to hit the Gulf in more than 20 years.

### Soviet official reiterates Afghan pledge

GENEVA (R) - Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Karpov said Monday Soviet troops would be out of Afghanistan by Feb. 15 as promised unless the situation there changed dramatically. Asked if Moscow would stick to its commitments, made last April in a U.N.-mediated settlement, he said: "As far as I know. If there is nothing that can dramatically change the situation there, our troops

### A STATE OF Spanish minister cancels Morocco trip

MADRID (R) — Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez postponed a visit to Morocco after King Hassan compared his war against Polisario guerrillas to the Spanish government's battle with the Basque separatist group ETA. A Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said Monday the postponement was forced by Fernandez Ordonez's European Economic Community (EEC) timetable and declined to say if it related to King Hassan's comments in the newspaper El Pais Sunday.

### the like 'Who's a Jew' law challenged

TEL AVIV (AP) — A group of immigrants appealed to Israel's supreme court Monday over the government's refusal to register them as Jews because they were converted by non-orthodox rabbis. The appeal has again raised the controversial "who is Jew" question, which was a hot election issue last fall and deeply angered American and Canadian Jewry. The court case was brought after the interior ministry refused to register the 10 immigrants and, instead, referred their cases to rabbinical courts, said Yehoshua Schoffman, an attorney for three of the immigrants.

## Argentine Iran, Syria in new bid to end militia feud

and Syria began talks Monday aimed at ending three weeks of heavy fighting between the rival Amal and Hizboliah militias in

Beirut and South Lehanon has killed at least 142 people and wounded scores more since Jan.

Hizbollah hand over the assassins of three of his commanders, offi-

Velayati and leaders of Hizbollah made no comment on Berri's demand.

dication that the fundamentalist Hizbollah, which is hattling Amal for control of Lehanon's Shi'ites, will comply.

Earlier ceasefires all collapsed

between the two factions.

this month in an effort to defuse

gunmen killed Daoud Daoud,

But Velayati, who flew to Damascus from Tehran Sunday,

Speaking to reporters after the meeting with the Iranian and Syrian ministers, Berri said he was neither optimistie nor pessi-"I do not know if we suc-

Berri said the talks were serious, frank and marked by the desire to end a dispute "which endangers not only Lebanon hut

Sharaa said the talks were moving positively. "We hope to reach a solution to this problem," he

lah's spiritual mentor, Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, No fresh fighting has erupted between the militias in Lebanon

Soviets explain nuclear pullout offer

## **Quake hits Soviet Central** Asia; at least 1,400 dead

MOSCOW (Agencies) — An the official news agency TASS earthquake struck the Soviet said up to 1,000 people were Central Asian Republic of Tajikistan Monday, engulfing an entire village in mud, and Radio Moscow gave a provisional death toll of 1,415.

The tremor, the second serious quake in the Soviet Union in two months, killed at least 600 people in the village of Sharora when it sent a wall of mud pouring down in a monntainous part of the republic near the Afghan border,

a Tajik News Agency editor said. The nearby village of Okulibo-lo was completely engulfed in mud after the quake, which measured seven points on the I2point Soviet scale at its epicentre 50 kilometres southwest of the Tajik capital, Dushanbe.

"According to preliminary re-ports, I,415 people died," Radio Moscow said on its English-lanestimated to have died.

A spokesman for the Tajik Foreign Ministry said the republic's deputy prime minister, Georgy Koshlakoiv, had told a news conference in Dushanbe that the village of Okulibolo had been completely huried hy mud.

"The earthquake caused a hurst of mud from the foothills, which poured down, engulfing the whole of Okulibolo and large parts of Sharora," Koshlakov said. "It was up to eight kilometres wide from east to west and 2.5 kilometres long."

He said the quake preceding the mudslide had lasted some 40 seconds and caused considerable

Soldiers were rushed to the

standing, he said. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbaehev called Tadzhikistan officials to promise help from the nanonal government, he said.

Rescue teams brought from Dushanhe were searching for survivors, and excavators, hulldozers and cranes were heing rushed to the area, TASS said.

"Local authorities are taking steps to ensure medical help, food and temporary housing for the victims," the news agency

A quake of 7 on the Soviet

scale is classified as a "very strong" shock capable of cracking stone walls. The U.S. Geographical Survey

registered it at 6 on the opendamage to a number of villages in ended Richter scale. A quake of such magnitude can cause severe damage in populated areas. The villages to keep order and to Richter scale is a measure of guage service. Tajik officials in restore communications and pow-ground motion as recorded on a Moscow gave a similar figure, hut er and water to the huildings left seismograph.

### Palestinians hit Israeli interests, reject Rabin plan Several people were hurned and for the first time non-com-

when a petrol homh was thrown

West Bank after it opened Mon-

day, witnesses said. Hospital offi-

cials said at least four were hurt,

one seriously.
Leaflet 33 also urged Palesti-

Israeli products and continue a

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Leaders of the Palestinian uprising Monday continued a drive to force Israeli hanks and products out of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, wounding four in a petrol bomh attack on a hranch of Bank Leumi in Nablus, sources said.

The United National Leadership of the Uprising also reected Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak. Rabin's call for Palestinian elections to prepare for "autonomy" in the occupied territories and an eventual tripartite confederation.

Israeli political elections and all autonomy," the leaders said in their 33rd leaflet.

Shamir, who has said he is working on his own "peace" initiative, shrugged off Rahin's suggestions as "completely personal views" at a meeting with parliament's foreign affairs and defence com--

with Israel's secret police. At have been killed this month. Monday, Israeli troops shot and wounded two

tax strike.

Palestinians in the West Bank village of Jaba, near Jenin, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak two in Gaza Strip refugee camps, hospital officials said. Israeli Attorney-general Yosef Harish said he would review the

legality of army rules on opening fire on protesters in the occupied territories. Rabin said last week officers

missioned officers had been given into a hranch of Israeli Bank new orders to fire plastic hullets Leumi in central Nahlus in the at Palestinians throwing stones, burning tyres and hlocking roads, and at fleeing stone-throwers. But Israel Radio Monday

broadcast a report of a briefing in which chief of staff Dan Shomron nians to step up a boycott of denied troops had been issued any new, looser gun-use orders and asserted that army figures It threatened retribution showed casualty figures were against those who collaborate actually down.

Eighteen Palestinians died, least four accused collaborators most from army gunfire, in 10 days in mid-January and 52 were shot and wounded in the two days after Rabin's statement.

> The crackdown sparked protests both from Israeli civil rights campaigners and from the U.S. State Department.

A group of Palestinians met visiting French Foreign Minister

Roland Dumas Sunday and scoffed at Rahin's plan.

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PLO: No

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### Israeli activists urge peace talks with PLO

tists held a symbolic meeting with tween our two peoples. There-Palestinians in Arah Jerusalem fore we ask to find a peaceful, Monday and called on their gov- comprehensive, just and final ernment to talk to the Palestine solution to the conflict in our Liberation Organisation (PLO). area."

The Israeli group comprised two left-wing parliamentarians and about 10 activists from Peace Now, a Jewish group advocating an independent Palestinian state. They joined a similar number

of residents of the village of Jabal Jahal Mukaber has heen a frequent site of protests in the I3-

month-old Palestinian uprising. "Today we came to prove that meeting between Israelis and Palestinians can be a meeting of peace, 'said Ran Cohen, a parlia- force will hring use of more force mentarian from the Citizens

Rights Movement.

Daoud protested at Israeli

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) "The continuing occupation — Israeli peace activists and lef- has only increased hatred be-

efforts to quell the uprising, describing the killings, heatings, home demolitions and expulsions Calling for an international

PLO and Israel, he advised the Zionist state to seize the moment. Haim Oron, a legislator from the socialist Mapam Party, said: "The thinking that using more power and more power will solve the problem is mistaken. More

and readiness to live side by side.

#### conditions TUNIS (Agencies) - A Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee member denied Monday the United States had offered the organisation a role in Middle

certain members and disbanded one of its units. Abdullah Hourani, an independent member of the committee, told Renters: "We haven't received such an offer and if we did, we would reject such preconditions."

East peace efforts if it expelled

Hourani took part in the first round of official PLO-U.S. talks in Tunis last month and has been briefed on two subsequent meetings between U.S. Ambassador Robert Pelletrean and Hakam Balawi, the PLO representative in Tunis.

A PLO source in Abn Dhabi said Sunday Pelletreau, who is based in Tunis, had relayed the U.S. conditions to the PLO. He said the ambassador presented a list of PLO leaders whom Washington considers "terrorists," including PLO

**Executive Committee member** Mohammad (Abu) Abbas of the Palestine Liberation Front, and asked the PLO to disband Force 17. Diplomats familiar with the PLO-U.S. dialogue said the

Abu Dhabi story sounded unlikely as the talks had not yet reached the stage of discussing specifics. Jamil Hilal, who heads the PLO Information Department

in Tunis, also denied the PLO bad received such proposals "They haven't said all this

from the United States. and if they did, we would tell them it was interference in our internal affairs," he told Reuters.

but the Diarios Y Noticias news agency estimated between 20 and 30 people had been killed. Earlier in the day, an official statement said four soldiers had been killed while the official Telam news agency reported two policemen and three insurgents had also died. The insurgent group, calling itself the 'New Argentine Army," smashed through the main gates of the barracks in a stolen Coca Cola lorry soon after dawn and lohbed grenades at buildings where sol-

reported. Government forces quickly surrounded the base, which quarters the Third Mechanised

diers slept, local news agencies

Infantry Regiment. Pamphlets scattered by the group said they belonged to a group calling itself the "New Argentine Army" which sunported the leaders of three failed army rebellions over the past two years, the agencies

The pamphlets said the group had been formed to "combat Marxist subversion within the government" and was against "the Radical (governing party) campaign destroy the army.'

In early December a group of 500 soldiers, mostly Falklands war veterans, staged a four day rebellion, demanding changes in the army

Monday's disturbance

marked the second outbreak of

violence at an Argentine army

base in seven weeks.

# DAMASCUS (Agencies) - Iran nian official to visit Damascus

Officials said Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akhar Velayati attended a meeting at the Damascus Foreign Ministry with his Syrian counterpart Farouq Al Sharaa and Nahih Berri, leader of one of the feuding militias, Amal. Diplomats said that depending

on progress at the talks leaders of Amal could meet later with representatives of Hizbollah (Party Fighting hetween the militias in

In his talks with Velavati and Sharaa, Berri demanded that

cials reported.

There was no immediate in-

amid the deep-rooted hostility Velavati is the third senior Ira-

GENEVA (R) - The Soviet

Union's offer to pull tactical

nuclear missiles out of Eastern

Europe unilaterally will cover

only a small number of

weapons, Soviet Deputy Fore-

ign Minister Viktor Karpov

But he said he thought the

gap hetween the North

Atlantic Treaty Organisation

(NATO) and Warsaw Pact

proposals in negotiations on

reducing conventional

Karpov, one of Moscow's

leading experts on disarma-

ment, told a news conference

at a U.N.-sponsored discus-

sion on conventional disarma-

ment that the tactical nuclear

missile offer would involve

only "a couple of dozen"

Foreign Minister Eduard

Shevardnadze made headlines

when he announced Jan. 19

weapons.

weapons could be bridged.

revealed Monday.

the Lehanese crisis. Berri claimed that Hizbollah

Amal's chief in South Lebanon, and two of his senior lieutenants in a street amhush in south Beirut

later reported "very positive" talks with Sharaa held after his meeting with Berri.

mistic about the discussions. ceeded," he said.

also the Arah and Islamic re-

Diplomats noted that Hizbolwas not in Damascus.

#### over the past few days since Iran and Syria stepped up efforts to achieve a truce.

that his country would withdraw some of its hattlefield nuclear weapons. The United States has said that NATO has reduced its nuclear stockpile in Europe hy 2,400 warheads since 1979.

Karpov told the gathering of government officials and scholars from 30 countries which follows the close lat week of the 27-month conference on security and cooperation in Europe (CSCE), that the gap between NATO and Warsaw Pact proposals on reducing conventional weapons could

be bridged. The CSCE decided to relaunch talks starting March 9 on reducing NATO and Warsaw Pact non-nuclear weaponry under the new name CAFE - conventional armed forces in Europe.

"Despite serious differences, there is a certain similarity in the positions of the two sides," Karpov said in his speech, made behind closed doors but provided to Reuters.

think we can," he said. The two sides agreed that the alliance with more forces should remove that "asymmetry" until both sides had the same level of soldiers and arms

and reduce together from

capability of surprise attack, or tions," Karpov said.

"Can we build a hridge beled" by discussions on the tween these two proposals? I numbers of forces each side

there, he said. Washington has said that a reduction in certain Soviet numerical advantages in the European theatre would make it easier to contemplate reductions in strategie nuclear arms.

"Both NATO and the Warsaw Pact stand for removing the existing asymmetries and imbalances through cuts in armed forces and armaments, above all those that have the

large-scale offensive opera-He said earlier disarmament talks in Vienna had heen "kil-

He told the news conference that at the end of January Moscow would announce its hitherto-unpublished troop levels but also suggested that negotiations on reductions should proceed while trying to sort out who has how much of

The three days of meetings in Geneva, which began Monday, are sponsored by the U.N. Institute for Disarmament Research with the aim of pooling disarmament ideas in a freer format than controlled negotiations such as those in Vienna.

# **Iraq** releases **131** Iranians in peace gesture

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq freed 131 sick, wounded or elderly Iranian prisoners Monday in a peace gesture ahead of efforts by a U.N. mediator to revive talks between the Gulf war foes.

be released by either Iran or Iraq since November. Between them they hold more than 100,000 prisoners from the eight-year war.

The Iranians flew to Tehran ahoard an airliner chartered by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Officials said they would be followed by a second batch of 124 Tuesday.

"It is a unilateral step by Iraq and we don't know what the next stage is," said the ICRC chief in Baghdad, Andreas Kuhn. He said all 131 had been medically examined and were willing to go

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein promised to free 255 prisoners as a peace gesture in response to an appeal hy a conference of Muslim clerics in Baghdad this montb.

Wearing yellow uniforms. some the Iranians sat silently with heads howed at Baghdad airport before boarding the plane.

"War is not good, especially between Muslims," said one of them, Anoush Toosi, 35, a former medical student at Iran's Shiraz University.

"The Iragis are not our enemies... people want peace hut the problem lies with political lead-ers," said Toosi, adding that he

**Dumas ends** 

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas

left Israel for France Monday

Dumas made no comment he-

fore departing Ben Gurion air-

port, hut during his trip had urged Israelis and Palestinians to

open peace talks.

Dumas met with President
Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister

Yitzhak Shamir and Finance

Minister Shimon Peres during his

only via direct negotiations he-tween the parties directly in-

volved, and that means mutual,

reciprocal recognition," Dumas-

Peace can only come about

**Israel** visit

after a 36-hour visit.

The prisoners were the first to hoped to resume bis studies, cut short by the war.

"War happens between two countries, we have no hand in it," said Qassem Islah, 41, a former customs official at Khorramshahr in the northern Gulf.

"I wish peace to prevail and to live happily." he said. The release came the same day

as U.N. mediator Jan Eliasson was to arrive in Tehran to attempt to revive stalled peace talks that began five days after an Aug. 20 ceasefire halted the war. Three rounds of the U.N.-

sponsored peace negottations made little progress and ad-journed in November amid disagreement over a prisoner exchange, troop withdrawals and sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arah waterway.

Eliasson, personal representa-tive of U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, will discuss the stalemate with Iranian leaders during his five-day visit hefore taking his mission to

An exchange of sick and wounded prisoners in November broke down after three days when Iran cut the number of prisoners it had promised to free and Iraq retaliated with similar



The Afghan capital, Kabul, is under siege by rebel forces and reports say that there is a chronic shortage of food and fuel

## Pravda paints gloomy picture of Kabul

MOSCOW (Agencies) Afghans are suffered from food economic sabotage and bad winler weather, Pravda said Sunday in a gloomy portrait of life in the Afghanistan capital Kabul.

"If we were to lay hare the situation, in the capital it is the following: the Mujahedeen is trying to throttle with hunger two million Afghans," Pravda said.

The Communist Party newspaper said the Soviet Union was flying food supplies into Kabul, and that soldiers were banding out flour and heating fuel from Soviet military trucks.

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tion with international com-

said 43 oil wells had been dug and

that several of those produced

natural gas. He said a gas-oper-

ated electric power generator had been established, with large de-

pendence on local equipment and

During the visit, the King stres-

NRA Director Kamal Jreisat

But it did not give any clue whether the Soviets plan to meet shortages caused by rehel attacks, the Feb. 15 deadline for withdrawal of their remaining 50,000 soldiers in Afghanistan. It said Afghans standing in line

for food in the bitter cold were hlaming both the government and the rebels for food shortages. Pravda accused rebel leaders of entering Kahul to huy up food

supplies and spirit them out of the

It quoted Afghan Defence Minister Shakh Navaz Tanay as saying that during a sweep of the city in search of weapons, soldiers found "hig supplies of food and goods of priority need."

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blocked periodically this month hy rebel attacks and by heavy snows. The Soviet news agency TASS said six Soviet transport planes arrived in Kabul Saturday hringing tons of hadly needed food supplies.

Pravda said supply trucks started getting through the snow and rebel attacks again Jan. 19. Soviet television said Sunday

that food shortages in Kabul were partly caused by what it called "conscious sabotage" by some Afghan civil servants who supported the rebels, as well as hy bureaucratic inefficiency.

The television, monitored by

The ministry, he said, is look-

ing after desert castles and work-

ing on planting trees in the sur-

rounding areas, in addition to

developing the hotel training col-

lege and recruitment of local ex-

ance of providing tourists with

The King stressed the import-

pertise in the field.

Supply roads into Kabul have the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), said guerrillas were "trying to strangle the Kabul regime hy hunger. The Pakistani authorines... also bear responsibility for the current

> A Soviet television correspondent said in a dispatch from the Afghan capital that the situation in Kahul had become more critical in recent weeks.

> "For many days now, long queues of frozen, poorly-clad and hungry people form up in the streets from early morning," the correspondent said.

### **Red Cross** not ready to resume full role in Lebanon

GENEVA (R) - The International Committee of the Red Cross said Monday it was not resuming full-scale operations in Lehanon until it believed it was safe for staff to return.

An ICRC spokeswoman said a Red Cross team visiting Beirut was assessing security and a decision would be made after its mission. Lebanese officials said Sunday the four workers would reopen the Beirut offices.

"It is a mission of evaluation nd a decision on whether the ICRC can resume normal operations in Lebanon will be taken after it is completed," spokeswoman Marjolaine Martin said.

She said the four workers travelled to Beirut at the weekend for contacts with the parties involved in the fighting.

The Geneva-based relief organisation withdrew its staff in December on the grounds that workers had been threatened hut has never disclosed the nature or source of the threats.

The sudden evaluation followed the release of Peter Winkler, as Swiss ICRC worker kidnapped in southern Lebanon Nov. 17 by gunmen seeking freedom Switzerland.

hoped that "encouraging signs" it had received from Beirut ou prospects for resuming its work un-hindered would be confirmed."

1CRC workers provide food and medicine for victims of the fighting in Lebanon, visit prisoners of war, facilitate prisoner exchanges and help people dis-

The spokeswoman said delegates currently in Lehanon, including mission chief Michael Dufour, would also be in contact with the Lebanese Red Cross which had filled in for the 1CRC

# Cyprus talks resume

NICOSIA (R) - Unity talks between the leaders of the divided island of Cyprus resumed Monday with both sides eager to shrug off the mutual accusations of bad faith and breaches of confidentiality that marred earlier rounds.

Greek Cypriot leader George Vassiliou and Turkish Cypnot chief Rauf Denktash have held more than 40 hours of inconclusive talks since September on reuniting Cyprus.

Political analysts say both leaders feel under pressure to reach a solution quickly at the discussions being held in the green line buffer zone at the residence of U.N. special representative Oscar Camillion.

Greek Cypriots demand the withdrawal of Turkish settlers and of an estimated 29,000 Turkish soldiers from northern Cyprus. They also want guarantees of what they call the three freedoms - the right to travel, live and own property anywhere on the

Turkish Cypriots seek maximum autonomy in a hi-zonal federal republic and say Turkey should have the right to protect their minority community.

Greek Cypriot newspiter have recently surrested the Palestine Liberation Organs tion (PLO) Chairman Tan Arafat might be the right as to mediate on the

A PLO spokesman in Name asked to comment, told Remeis that Arafat bad good relations with both Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreon and Sinkish Prime Ministe Turgue Oral

"Arafat will use these good relatons to help mediate in find. ing a solution to the Cyprus problem," the spokesman said.

He added: "We regard Cypus as a friendly country and the PLO would like to see a fair solution to the Cyprus problem, so that the island maintains its unity, inde pendence, and non-alignment. A visiting British parliamenta.

rian Sunday night described Cyp rus as an "accident hlack spot "It's unsatisfaftory to have an accident hlack spot in the middle of the Mediterranean," Roger Gale, Conservative MP for Margate, told Reuters.

"There is a need in European terms - both for economic and security reasons — for a settlement."

## McFarlane: Bush urged end to Iran arms supply

NEW YORK (AP) — George Bush advised President Ronald Reagan at White House meetings in December 1985 and in the spring of 1986 to end U.S. arms shipments to Iran, according to a published report quoting Reagan's former national security adviser.

The adviser, Robert McFarlane, was quoted in Monday's editions of the New York Times as saying that although then-Vice President Busb rarely expressed an opinion at such meetings, he supported McFarlane in urging that the arms shipments he

stopped.
"I was struck that he had intervened," McFarlane told the Times. "That seemed a little hit unusual to me; and I was pleased that be had."

McFarlane advised Reagan to end the shipments because the operation was not fulfilling its original purpose of "making contact with Iranians able to change policy," McFarlane told the

The former adviser said that contra affair.

later in the meening, Bush "nod-ded and was kind of pensive and looked over toward the president and said, 'I think Bud's probably right'," according to the Times.

Bud is McFarlane's nickname. Busb has acknowledged that he knew of the arms sales to Iran as part of attempts to gain freedom for American hostages, but said. he was unaware of the diversion of profits from the sales to Nicaraguan contras.

His role in the Iran-contra affairs has remained largely a mystery, although he was insisted that he expressed 'certain reservations" about the weapons shipment in private conservations with Reagan.
Bush, who led a presidential

task force on terrorism, has tried to minimise his involvement in. the Iran arms sale. He claimed he was "out of the loop" in making major policy decisions.

McFarlane's statements are not supported by the reports of con-gressional iovestigators and others who have studied the frain

# Cairo court refuses to

CAIRO (R) - Lawyers for Egyptian revolutionaries accused of killing Israeli diplomats failed Sunday in a bid to have the case heard by an ordinary court instead of an

cbarges against the eldest son of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser and 19 others accused of involvement in the attacks came under the common criminal code.

appeal if executions were ordered for 11 of the accused facing the death penalty, including Nasser's son Khaled. The younger Nasser, now in self-exile in Europe, is the only

fer as it would allow them to

defendant heing tried in ahsentia. Judge Emadeddin Ismail, presiding over the three-mem-

ber panel, rejected the defence's arguments as haseless and adjourned the case, which opened last year, until Feh. 14. The defendants, who the

prosecution says are led by Mahmoud Noureddin, shouted their usual slogans denouncing Israel and the United States.

Egypt," they chanted in the maximum security courtroom in the exhibition grounds of the Cairo suhurb of Nasr

Ismail also ordered lawyers to present a detailed list of officials and politicians they.

wanted to call as witnesses, They have already asked the court of subpoena several senior politicians, including Defence Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala, Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid

The Egypt's Revolution group claimed responsibility for sbooting dead two Israel diplomats in 1985 and 1986 wounding one in 1984 and wounding two IIS emphasive. wounding two U.S. embassy

treaty with Israel.

Defence lawyers have made an issue of emergency laws, in force since Muslim zealots show since then.

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said at a press conference follow-

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sed the necessity of coordination and cooperation among special-ised parties to carry out surveys for oil exploration and the utilisation of international experience in this field. The King referred to the importance of expanding the scope of utilisation of solar and wind (D)(D)(D)(D)(D)(D)(D)(D) energy and of paying attention to water treatment through the employment of the latest methods of developing energy along with the protection of the environment from pollution.

capabilities.

The King also visited the Ministry of Tourism where he beard a presentation by Tourism Minister Yanal Hikmat on projects the ministry plans to imple-

Hikmat said the ministry was supervising hotels and restaurants, reassessing and classifying them in accordance with in-

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ternational specifications. The minister said that work was underway to improve the level of tourist guides and to encourage internal tourism as a national concern for the new generation as well as encouraging tourism as a source of nanooal revenue.

King directs ministry to compensate farmers

He said the ministry was working to attract Arab tourists through granting them appropriate border facilines in addition to focusing on health-related tourism in cooperation with coocerned departments through pub-

the necessary outlets and to work. on marketing Jordan as a tourist centre in the world in an effective manner and on encouraging private initiative and companies to improve and develop their tourism services.

### Palestinians reject Rabin plan

(Continued from page I)

"It's a public relations gimmick by Rabin to improve the image of his repressive actions against the uprising. In a few days he will say he offered elections to the Palesnnians and they refused, Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij said afterwards.

The idea of elections in the occupied territories, where Israeli authorities bave banned Arab political activity, was a non-starter, he said. "How can you have political elections when you bave no polinical parties? To elect a parallel leadership? We have the leadership of the PLO (Palestine

Liberation Organisation). To elect puppets? Puppets cannot Freij said much of the meering

with Dumas centred on reports that PLO leader Yasser Arafat bad threatend Freij's life after the mayor proposed a truce in the uprising. Delegates said they told Dumas the reports were fabricated to undermine the PLO's dialogue with the United States.

The delegates said Dumas raised the possibility that French President Francois Mitterrand would meet Arafat but bad not specified a time or place for a meeting.

# peace panel

N1COSIA (R) — Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi has formed a committee to open peace talks with southern rebels. the Sudanese news agency SUNA reported Monday.

team was charged Sunday with contacting parties involved in Sudan's five-year civil war, especially the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

the vague peace plan proposed by Mahdi and approved by the Sudanese parliament last month. The agency said Mahdi told political party leaders that the committee would clarify points in the peace plan before leaving in a few days for talks in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Abaha

SUNA said the three-man

The SPLA has already rejected

# Sudan forms

### for Hussein Mohammad Hariri, a Lebanese awaiting trial in Martin said the Red Cross

placed by the fighting.

in the past weeks.

# shift revolutionaries' case

emergency tribunal.

The lawyers argued that the They also sought the trans-

"Down with Israel. Down with America. Long live Arab and former Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

security men in 1987. The trial is highly sensitive because of the involvement of Nasser, whose father was a national hero and pan-Arab leader in the 1950s and 1960s; and because of Cairo's 1979.

dead President Anwar Sadat at a military parade in October 1981, at every political trial Verdicts by emergency courts cannot be challenged by

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### Lawzi, Australian senator discuss Mideast issues

AMMAN (Petra) — Australia said Monday that it considers the proposed mternational Middle East conference as the best forum for establishing a just and durable peace in the Middle East since it can provide international guarantees for all parties in the conflict.

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Australia's views were expressed by Christopher John Puplick, a member of the Australian Senate, at a meeting with the Speak-er of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi.

"Australia supports the rights of the Palestinian people to selfdetermination on Palestinian soil and regards the present opportunity for peace as very precious and should not be missed," Sen. Puplick said at the meeting.

He said Australia views Israel's current measures against the Palestinian people in the occu-. pied territories as violating human rights, laws and principles. The Australian senator paid tribute to His Majesty King Hus-

sein's relentless efforts to prom-

ote the peace process and said that Jordan constitutes one of the most important pillars for the achievement of peace in the re-

Jordan, he said, seeks peace in exchange for land, and a settlement that respects and recognises the legitimate rights of the

"The loss of the present chance for peace would open the door for further tension and conflicts in the region," Lawzi added.

tion of buman rights and interna-

He called on Australian parliamentarians to exert efforts to help establish a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

#### **NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

CONDOLENCES: His Majesty King Hussein Monday delegated the governor of Irbid to convey condolences to Al Widyan family in the village of Kharaj on the death of the late Mobammad Isa Al Widyan, the father of Major General Badruddin Al Widyan. (Petra)

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: A symposium on environment pollution in Jordan will open at the Abdul Hamid Shoman Cultural Centre in Shmeisani on Jan. 30, under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor. The symposium was organised by the Faculty of Arts at the University of Jordan in cooperation with the Amman Club for Jordanian Business and Professional Women. (J.T.)

MINISTERS RECEIVE ITALIAN ENVOY: Information Minister Hani Khasawneh Monday received Italian Ambassador in Amman Francesco de Curten and discussed with him issues of common interest. Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan also received the Italian ambassador and discussed with him hilateral relations in the field of transport and telecommunications.

RSS TEAM SURVEYS PROJECT: A Royal Scientific Society departments complex project in Dair Abi Sa'id. (Petra)

HMOUD RECEIVES U.S. ENVOY: Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Marwan Al Hmoud Monday received U.S. Ambassador in Amman Roscoe Suddarth and discussed with him means to expand cooperation in the fields of preserving

TAFILEH GOVERNOR INSPECTS: The Governor of Tafileh. accompanied by local officials and civil defence officers Monday inspected roads and areas affected by the snow and heavy rains that fell in southern Jordan and blocked many roads and disrupted communications. The governor urged bedouin tribes to move their tents away from the wadis and low-lying areas in Qadisieh, Rashadieh and Grandal, for fear of a rise in the level of stream water as a result of the melting snow. Public works teams and municipal workers were reported hard at work opening roads and repairing.

and laws related to performance appraisal of employees. (Petra)

ART EXHIBITION: The governor of Irbid Monday opened a five-day plastic art season at the Professional Association Complex in Irbid. The season contains the works of Jordanian plastic artists. There are 84 pieces on display depicting life, nature, beritage, and

### Twin test-tube boys born at medical centre

By Abdullah Nsour Ai Ra'i Staff Reporter

ANNUAL SECTION

ramme in April 1988.

the name of the mother who is kept under surveillance.

in Jordan were delivered in April 1986 by a Jordanian team of gynaecologists led by Dr. Zaid

Dr. Kilani now operates the Jordan Centre for Infertility which, be said, now takes care of numerous test-tube cases within a programme that covers Jordan and Arah countries.

Dr. Kilani said that his centre has arranged for the delivery of 18 babies and is supervising a programme for the delivery of 22 otbers inside Jordan.

His programme includes cases in Algeria, Bahrain, Ahu Dbabi,

gynaecologists at Al Bashir Hospital performed a caesarean section on a 27-year old Jordanian woman who gave hirth to twin The first ever test-tube babies test-tube baby boys.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

- ☆ An exhibition of works by Contemporary Arab Artists at Al Wasiti Art Gallery.
- \* A plastic art exhibition by Egyptian artist Yassin Ibrahim Mohammad at the Housing Bank Gallery.
- An exhibition of photographic works by Wols (Otto Wolfgang) Schulz) at the Goethe Institute.
- \* The Jordanian plastic art season which includes a general exhibition of works by Jordanian artists at the Professional Association Complex in Irbid.

### CONCERT

- A concert by the German guitar-duo Thomas Offermann and Jens Wagner at the Ballroom of the Amra Hotel - 8:00 p.m.
- A German film entitled "Moorfelden" (in Arabic) at the
- Goethe Institute 8:00 p.m. \* A scientific film on the mechanism and functions of the brain, (part 4), at the American Centre - 7:00 p.m.

Lawzi said that the proposed

international conference was needed to implement U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242

Palestinian people in their home-

He described Israel's atrocifies in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a flagrant viola-

tional laws and principles.

engineering team Monday conducted a field study of the government

the environment, environment planning, studying regional planning, in addition to benefiting from U.S. expertise in these fields. (Petra)

MANAGEMENT COURSE ENDS: Eleven people from North Yemen, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, and Jordan Monday The course focused on selection and training of manpower, wages

national causes. (Petra)

SALT ELECTIONS: Twenty eight people were nominated Monday to stand for the Salt municipal election due to be beld next Monday. The deputy Balqa governor bas said that there will be ten polling centres and 18,145 electors. (Petra)

ROAD PROJECTS: The Um Njasah Municipal Council, in Balqa Governorate, Monday offered a JD 20,000 tender to open a number of roads in the village within three months. (Petra)

AMMAN — A twin test-tube baby boys were born at the King Hussein Medical Centre in Amman Saturday, and the mother and babies were reported in good condition.

Dr. Aref Bataineh headed a team of gynaecologists who supervised the delivery, the first to be carried out at the King Hussein Medical Centre, which created a national test-tube prog-

Dr. Bataineh said that the mother had been trying to bave

children for the past 17 years with Dr. Bataineh did not disclose

Kuwait, Syria and Jordan.

In April 1988 a team of

#### Leclercq Monday presented to the Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre in Amman a collection of equipment used in remote sens-

ing techniques. The equipment were banded to

the centre's Director General, Brig. Oklah Duheimat, who discussed with the ambassador the centre's projects.

in Amman which specialises in been initially employed to con-

AMMAN (J.T.) - French preparing maps using aerial duct remote sensing in the ex-Amhassador to Jordan Patrick photography and other techni-

Amman governor briefs police officers

Jordanian-Egyptian holding

company begins talks in Cairo

CAIRO (J.T.) — The joint from the Ministry of Industry and Aziz told a press conference in Jordanian-Egyptian Holding Trade.

Amman that the company will

They said Tahhaa will also

bead Jordan's side to a meeting

with Egyptian officials to prepare

for the joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee meetings

Cairo to review progress in joint

projects, covering cultural, edu-

Egyptian Prime Minister Atef

eational, tourism, industrial,

Times that the higher committee

will discuss bilateral trade which

is expected to amount to \$350

million during 1989, up from \$250

On Jan. 16 the holding com-

pany's Director Midhat Abdul

Ministry to tighten quality

control operations for drugs

By Salameh B. Ne'matt drug quality control laboratory Commenting on charges by in the Nweijees area to cover

The ministry, he said, has

recently disposed of seven types of expired drugs. The

loss, according to the minister,

was incurred by the retail

pbarmacists because it was

their responsibility to return

the expired medicines to the

drug agent as soon as the medi-

Asked wbether the ministry

had plans to adopt drug control

regulations such as those car-

ried out in the United States

and Britain, the minister said

such measures were not prac-

He said that deterrent mea-

sures in the U.S. were very stiff

because of the general prac-

tices are largely under control

due to fear from malpractice

lawsuits and harsh penalties

In Jordan, he said, such me-

asures were not possible be-

cause of the general laxity in

control legislation and law en-

forcement. "For example," be

said, "nobody, not even doc-

tors in Jordan, carry malprac-

imposed on violators.

tice insurance.

Geographic centre gets remote

sensing equipment from France

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which will convene on Jan. 28 in of sbeep a year.

energy, information and other and production was due to start

Sidki said in an interview published in Al Ra'i and the Jordan demand in Egypt at 238,000 ton-

projects in Amman Governorate. Those, he said.

are being carried out in cooperation with a total of 10 joint services councils working within the governorate. Amin also talked about infrastruc-

ture projects within the Amman region (Petra

begin livestock production to cov-

er demand for lean meat in Jor-

dan and Egypt. He said that

initial production will be 14,200

tonnes of meat and 20,800 heads

near the Egyptian port of Alexandria, would cost about \$12 million

towards the end of 1989, accord-

nes of lean meat and at 41,000, tonnes in Jordan by 1995.

The Cairo meetings follow last

week's talks held in Amman by

teams from both countries to

discuss cooperation in industry-

patients that locally-manufac-

ity from imported medicines,

the minister said such charges

solid base to prove or disprove

that imported medicine was far

better in quality than locally

manufactured medicine," he

However, be contended,

"certain medicines vary in

composition of ingredients,

potency and effectiveness, and

may not have the same effects

He said local manufacturers

were aware of regulations and

were committed to standard

specifications, and that 'from

my own practice, there is no

proof to the opposite."

He hinted that drug agents

were hehind what he described

as "rumours," about the de-

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The project, to be established

A group of police officers from the Amman Police

Academy Monday called at the governor's head-quarters and were briefed on the Amman Gov-

ernorate's achievements. The governor, Moham-

mad Ali Al Amin, briefed the visitors on water,

power, health, telecommunications and school

Company bas opened meetings in

Cairo to discuss lean meat and fodder projects which will be

implemented in Egypt with a

total of 50 million Egyptian

Jordan is represented at the

meetings by Minister of Industry

and Trade Hamdi Tabbaa and his

ministry's Secretary General

Mohammad Saqqaf who arrived

in the Egyptian capital earlier.

The two-day meetings will also

review a general plan for the

holding company in 1989 and

accomplishments made in the

past year, in addition to several.

financial and administrative mea-

sures and the company's new

hudget, according to officials

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Health

Ministry plans to tighten its

drug quality control operations

and expand its laboratory to

cover more medicines con-

sumed by the Jordanian public,

Health Minister Zuhair Malhas

Malhas said the ministry's

drug quality control labora-tory, established in 1980, was

well-staffed and 'fairly well

equipped," but that it could

not handle the large volume of

medicines imported into the

to expand to check all drugs

imported to Jordan," Malhas

said in an interview. The lah

checks about 770 imported

drugs through random sam-pling. However, there are 3,000 brands to drug that the lab cannot bandle. He put the

ratio of drug quality control on imported medicines at only 10

per cent.
"I have given instructions to

cover 20 per cent," the minis-

ter said, pointing out that the

ministry was setting up a new

"The lah has not heen able

told the Jordan Times.

The centre is also adopting the remote sensing technique to help draw maps and explore water and natural resources in the country.

A series of meetings were held in Amman over the past two years to discuss prospects of using remote sensing with the help of a France helped set up the centre Norwegian company which had

ploration of underground water resources in the Wadi Araba and the area south of the Dead Sea.

Several working papers were submitted to a symposium held under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan in October 1987 focusing on environmental science, agriculture and desertification, as well as exploration of water and mineral resources through re-

## **Hmoud visits Mafraq Governorate**

MAFRAQ (Petra) — Minister of in kind assistance to help prom-Municipal and Rural Affairs and one their operations. the Environment Marwan Hmond said in Mafraq that stu- Mafraq Municipality that the govdies are underway for the distribution of fuel to municipal and village councils.

The minister made the statement at a meeting during a tour of JD 13 million to promote of Mafraq Governorate where he services. took part in Arbor Day celebra-

tions. The Ministry of Municipal and region and decided to set up a Rural Affairs annually distributes committee, which will group repfree of charge certain amounts of resentatives of the ministry, the oil products to the councils as an Cities and Villages Development the municipality of Mafraq.

Bank and the local councils, to work out recommendations for The minister told a meeting at future projects in the Mafraq

The minister took part in tree ernment was keen on providing assistance to municipal and vilplanting ceremonies along with lage councils and he referred to local residents who planted trees last year's government allocations on a 440 dunums of land assigned as a public park.

Hmoud, accompanied by the Mafraq governor and local offi-Hmoud was briefed on projects cials, later inspected a newly built being implemented in the Mafraq marketplace that cost JD 150,000, a bus terminal and a huge sheep enclosure set up by

# Jordanian, Egyptian aides complete study on project to link grids

AMMAN (J.T.) — Energy officials and specialists clause for possible inclusion of . from Jordan, Egypt and an international consultancy firm have completed a feasibility study on a project for linking the national grids of Egypt and Jordan, and a full report on the study will be submitted to the joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee in Cairo on Jan. 28 for approval, according to an official announcement here Mon'ay.

The announcement was made 10-kilometre 400-kilovolt :able following the end of meetings beld by concerned teams at the headquarters of the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) in

According to the announce-ment, the \$170 million project will take four years to implement. but its commencement is pending approval by the two governments in Amman and Cairo following the project's endorsement hy the higher committee next week.

The project being implemented in cooperation with the Freneb firm Electricitée de France, en-tails laying a suhmarine cahle connecting Aqaha Thermal Power station and two points in Egypt
— one in the Sinai peninsula and the other in Suez.

According to JEA officials, work on the project can begin this year, but it will not be operational before 1993.

The officials quoted by the

line from the thermal : ation along the Aqaha Gulf o.t the Jordanian side, a suhmarine cable extending 12 kilometres and 1 290 cilometres of 500-kilovo; ...erhead line across the Singi Obsert into Egyptian territa...

The linkage with the officials said, will the official said, sides deal with emergency power shortages in their countries which will benefit from low-cost pawer generation.

According to the officials, the study proved that the project will countries economically and techfuel and reduce the cost of investments in power stations in Jordan

and Egypt.

Above all, they said, "the project will no doubt pave the way for other countries in the Arah

region to join the new network.". Under the feasibility study Jordan News Agency, Petra, said agreement with the French firm, later stage with that the project entails laying a Jordan and Egypt left an option through Turkey.

Saudi Arahia should Riyadh decide to join in.

High level contacts were earlier held between Riyadh on the one hand, and Amman and Cairo on the other to explore the prospect of Saudi Arahian inclusion in the

network as a third partner. JEA's chief engineer Ribhi Al Hamed was quoted as saying the door was open for Syria and Turkey to link their grids with the projected network in a manner similar to a network linking European nations.

On Jan. 17 Jordan and four Middle Eastern countries agreed to set up, for the first time, a power grid interconnection in the

Ministers of Energy from Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Tur-key decided at a meeting in Ankara to start preliminary studies

for the project. According to Turkish sources. be of immense benefit to both the Islamic Development Bank would finance the cost of the nically, it will save a great deal of preliminary studies with a grant. They said that a technical team will hold a meeting in Amman in March with the hank authorities to choose a counseling firm for

the project. Petra said that the five countries were also contemplating the idea of linking their grids at a agreement with the French firm, later stage with that of Europe

## **CSC finds employment** for 6,947 Jordanians

Service Commission (CSC) last year helped find jobs for a total of 6,947 Jordanians in various government departments, hut the total number of applications for employment it had received was 45,988, CSC President Ibrahim izzeddin said at a press confer-

ence in Amman. Izzeddin said that joh seekers continue to submit applications for employment in government departments for 1989 and the CSC will start finding them jobs as soon as the government gives the green light to start spending from the new budget.

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Civil door was still open for employment with the Ministries of Education and Health which are given priority over other departments.

The two ministries between

them absorbed more than 6,000

the rest were taken by other departments and state organisations, Izzeddin said. He attributed this trend to the fact that both ministries are still udergoing expansion, building new facilities and promoting their

The past year witnessed the



ing to reduce unemployment rom the new budget. appointment of engineers and among the new graduates, he According to Izzeddin, the doctors and specialists, thus help-



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### Prevention better than cure

PESTICIDES are being used worldwide liberally and with modest knowledge about their aftereffects on man's health. Some greedy farmers are even suspected of administering hormones to affect artificial growth of their agricultural and horticultural produce. While one can understand and sympathise with the need to use pesticides to contain damage to such products from pests, insects and rodents, one must not be lax as to their short and long term effect on human health whether imminent or potential. This is particularly so if bormones are being illegally used.

Some pesticides, which are widely used internationally, are known or suspected of containing carcinogenic or mutagenic ingredients. The average consumer has no way, on his own, to appreciate the dangers of pesticide residues that seep into his body. He deserves protection and guidance from danger everytime be and his family cook or prepare their daily foods.

We in Jordan have fortunately the reputation of being anything but lax on such matters that affect the health of Jordanians and residents of our country and have rightfully acquired a well-earned reputation of being duly conscious about the need to educate our people and guests on the dangers of pollution in general. Yet in view of the inherent dangers posed by the need to deploy pesticides, there is room for additional effort by the concerned anthorities to make doubly sure that the pesticides that are being used by Jordanian farmers meet the stiff standards set nationally and internationally and that no hormones whatsoever are being used by irresponsible farmers. To be sure, the cost of strict enforcement of the government guidelines on the permissible kind of pesticides that may be used nationally and the extent thereof could be prohibitive. But the alternative to this admittedly costly operation could become even more prohibitive should the concerned authorities lower their guard against the temptation of abusing the use

To say the least, one would expect the appropriate authorities to launch a concerted campaign to educate farmers and consumers on how to protect themselves from icides or their residues. One our people and their offsprings would wake up one day in the future to discover that their bodies have been filled with toxics or carcinogenic or mntagenic substances as farfetched as this may seem now. Should this, God forbid, be the case, it will weigh heavily on the conscience of the whole country. Therefore, now is the right time to make a fresh start to ensure that pesticides are properly and safely used in our

### **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

Al Ra'i commented Monday on the strange offer Yitzhak Rabin made to the Palestinians detained in Israeli jails when he expressed readiness to release them if they accept to take part in elections for Palestinian autonomy rule. The paper described this offer as an open ploy and a way to foil the Arab moves towards a full settlement and a means to impose the provisions of the Camp David accords on the Palestinian people. Needless to say that this manoeuvre is designed to draw a wedge within the united Arab ranks and weaken the will and determination of the Palestinians, the paper asserted. Rabin is clearly trying to revive the Camp David agreement reached between Israel and Egypt with the United States blessings and is trying to involve the Palestinian prisoners in a process directed against their own national interest, the paper added. The Israeli minister is trying to do that in the face of mounting world pressure on Israel to accept the international conference and achieve a permanent peace with the Arah countries and at the same time trying to show the world that the PLO is a terrorist organisation pressuring the Palestinians against accepting any offer for peace, the paper concluded.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily commented on the joint Jordanian-North Yemeni Higher Committee meeting that ended Sunday in Amman describing it as a means to bolster the Arab Nation's stance in the economic, political and social fields. Rakan Al Majali, who is also the paper's chief editor, says that the meeting represents a new spirit of brotherly relations designed to boost cooperation and enhance the nation's solidarity in the face of external challenges. North Yemen has always been involved in national issues and has supported Iraq in its eight year long war with Iran and we feel that North Yemen lies in the heart of the Arab Nation backing the confrontation states vista-vis the Israeli enemy's ambitious plans in the Arab World, the writer notes. The successful meeting in Amman, the writer continues, is bound to render strength to the whole Arab Nation in its drive to deal with enemies on the eastern and western fronts.

Al Dustour daily commented on the end of the Jordanian-North Yemeni meetings which culminated with the signing of minutes that pave the way for future cooperation in different fields. The meetings that ended in Amman Sunday constitute one major step in promoting Jordan's relations with North Yemen and provides for practical measures for developing and strengthening inter-Arab cooperation in economic, trade, cultural and scientific fields, the paper said. The excellent results of the meetings chaired by the prime ministers of the two countries, the paper added, also embody the very constructive and posidve role being played by the leaderships of both countries towards serving their people. It said that Jordan views the minutes signed in Amman Sunday serving as a cornerstone in the coming stage of fruitful cooperation with North Yemen and as a means for bringing more progress and prosperity for the people of the two countries.

Sawt Al Shaab dwelt on the same topic and said that Jordan's close economic, social and cultural ties with other Arab countries finds a parallel to it in the on-going moves to bring the European countries together in one unit. The paper said that by drawing closer to the other Arab states, Jordan seeks unity with the rest of the Arab Nation and further progress and development for all its

# One day in the life of the intifada

By Susan Rockwell

As we drove down to Ramallah's old city on independence day, we came upon two jeeps parked under the telephone lines in the middle of the road, the soldiers standing on the seats of the vehicles and trying, with a pole, to dislodge the two Palestinian flags dangling from the wires by strings building next to the jeeps — a government building at that — a Palestinian flag was stretched strode out of the room. taut by the wind.

Set around a square, the houses in the old city have one or two rooms, stone floors, high domed ceilings, thick walls, several chairs and a bed or two. At Abu Jamal's house we were served tea. and everyone began to discuss at what time they had heard the announcement of the Palestinian state, and on which

said he wore two, one on his head. and one stuffed into the front of his shirt. Abn Jamal said he knew bow Arafat wore it and. draping bis own over his head, flipped one end across his temple and the other end across the \$10,000. other temple, and being sbort, grizzled and overweight, looked very much like Abu Ammar, a thought which must have occurtied to rocks. On the roof of the red to him also because he suddenly threw back his shoulders,

At ten in the morning the bells of all the churches in Ramallah began to ring, and at 10:15 celebrations began in the old city with whistling and chanting. We ran to the doorway of Abu Jamal's bouse and saw a group of kids fighting over a canvas bag. Inside were Palestinian flags, and banners reading, among other things. 'Yes to the independent Palestiradio station, and then talk nian state." Everyone wanted to turned to Abu Ammar (Arafat), carry a flag. The celebrants were how happy he looked on televi- mostly women and girls - the fire burned, and where the thick

and, to the sound of our laughter.

sion, and how he wore his men hanging back, against the kufiyas. Nasir, Abu Jamal's son, houses — because women are not usually arrested, and it had been announced two nights earlier over the news that anyone caught with a flag or fireworks, or writing slogans, would be sentenced to five years in prison and fined

> About forty people formed a parade, and they gathered around the mosque, singing, and besitating to go further. Everyone was waiting for the inevitable arrival of the army, and five minutes later a jeep came whizzing down the main road. "They've come Ihey've come, get inside!" everyone cried, and the girls and women ran, leaving banners on the ground. The jeep careened into the middle of the square, and the two soldiers fol-lowed running. "Get away from the door, get away from the door!" Abu Jamal shouted at his children. And Anwar, who had already spent time in prison, stayed seated, smoking in the back from where the kerosene

walls trapped the heat. Nasir refilled our glasses with

strong, cool tea and we pretended to be chatting, and uninterested, in case a soldier burst through the door, Amal, a tiny girl with large eyes and thin, short bair, held a hairbrush in her hand and whispered some of the story that her grandfather bad told earlier, how the army came on Thursday night at 11:30 and ordered everyone to go to the bus station - the women and older children too - and they sat outside in the freezing cold until 1:00 a.m. and the captain said "if any out here every night". They took Jamal aside and said to him "if anyone throws a stone we will come to you and you will tell us who threw it."

Nawal, near the open door, said the d gone. We gathered around the two-step staircase again, and through the door we could see the gale to the neighbour's courtyard, the stream of soap suds from the washing at Firial's house, the mosque, the

Catholic cburch up on the hill and and were chanting and ululating and clapping and several times children said "they've come!" but Nabil, standing on the bar that corner of the window above the door said each time "not yet." Then Hanan, whose husband is in prison for five years, ran back ushering all the children into her of you throw a stone you will be - house and Nabil from his perch yelled "they've come, they've come!" and Abu Jamai yelled to his two daughters to get inside. and the boys fell over themselves pushing into the warm back room where Nawal, standing on a chair near the high window, was saying "they're coming here! Walking. A soldier strode under the window and up the narrow lane to

the next neighbourhood. Then a jeep roared into the square from the alley just to the London.

pine trees that surround the left of Abu Jamal's door and as we pressed ourselves against the the light blue sky of November. wall to get out of sight the face of The women had gathered again the third soldier who was sitting in the back of the jeep shot by the doorway like the face of someone some of the girls panicked and in the other carriage of a ride in ran towards their houses and the an amusement park, streaking past, three feet away. The jeep sped to Hanan's house, and one hooked the door shut and looking soldier, wearing a red kuffya out through the wire of the torn stood on her doorstep, and Nabil announced "they're going into Hanan's house," but Hanan slammed her blue metal door shut, and the soldier returned to the jeep, and suddenly everyone inside Hanan's house began to ululate and whistle, and it seemed her bouse would explode from the noise. Then Nabil said that they had the son of the baker, and that they were going towards the mosque, and there was no doubt that they were going to make him remove the pictures of Arafat and Abu Jihad that had bung there since the night before - Middle East International.

# The going gets tough for Shamir in Nablus

IT TAKES little more than an hour to drive from Jerusalem, north through the bare wintry hills, to Nablus, capital of the Palestinian uprising and the largest town on the West Bank. From Tel Aviv, on the grandly named Trans-Samarian highway, it takes even less.

Travelling hopefully - for stones and petrol bombs are a routine hazard these days - the visitor arrives in a different world. Only moments after crossing the old Green Line into occupied East Jerusalem, the only "democracy" in the Middle East disappears almost without

Brute violence is the norm. On New Year's Day an Israeli soldier ran amok and fired at random into a refugee camp when rocks were thrown at his car, Last week, after a martyr's funeral in Tulkarm, an 11-year-old Palestinian boy was shot dead by a plastic bullet and 17 others injured, two critically. The town has been under curfew ever since.

Yitzhak Shamir came to an army camp near Nablus the other day for what should have been a

order in the narrow alleyways of "traitor." This time his critics class suburbs on the slopes of zealous Jewish settlers who once Mount Ebal.

Instead, one after another, the reserve paratroopers gathered on the muddy hillside spoke bitterly of their moral turmoil and outrage at having to do the dirty work of crushing the uprising. "Only a political solution can save us," insisted one soldier.

"In order to enforce order in the casbah we must be brutally violent against people who are innocent of any crime," said another. "I violate army regulations every day and this weakens me and strengthens them. This dead end situation is a disaster. Everything we do bolsters the

Shamir, buddled in a blue parka against the biting cold, drumtable in front of him as he listened to the catalogue of frustration. "We hate these PLO terrorists," he shouted afterwards, "because they force us to kill Arab children." General Amram Mitzna, the West Bank military commander, looked embarrassed behind his beard.

A week before that, on nearby morale-boosting visit to the Har Bracha, the premier was troops whose task it is to keep beckled and abused as a state of turmoil.

the old casbah and in the middle- were a group of those same called the shots in 'Judea and Samaria" and held successive governments in their thrall. Today they are in a state of rising panie at the way Israel seems to be sliding, in spite of itself, to-wards the unthinkable reality of withdrawal from its "biblical" patrimony.

Shamir's hardline defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, must have experienced the same giddy sensation of nncontrolled collapse when he was repeatedly interrupted in the Knesset on Wednesday as he tried to defend his policy of dealing with the nprising.

"This is a government with a heart of plastic, a brain of lead and a conscience of rubber," said med his fingers impatiently on the Mohammad Miari of the Progressive List for Peace. "The whole world knows that the stone of the Palestinian David is defeating the oppression of the Israeli

Miari, the settlers and the soldiers all got it about right. Thirteen months after the intifada crupted in Gaza, and a month after the American decision todeal with the PLO, Israel is in a

The pressure is both external and internal and it mounts almost daily. Despite reassurances to the contrary by James Baker, the U.S. secretary of state, and by Mrs. Thatcher, dealing with the PLO has to mean contemplating the creation of an independent Palestinian state. To argue otherwise is to misunderstand the PLO and the yearning for freedom that t represents.

Israel is fighting an unsuccessful rearguard action against a radically transformed PLO. And thus William Waldegrave's meeting with Yasser Arafat in Tunis provoked far less excitement in Tel Aviv than it did in London. When the whole world accepts Palestinian rights, who cares about Whitehall.?

Internally, the cost of crushing the uprising is becoming un-acceptable. At least 350 Palestinians, including nearly 40 under the age of 12. have been killed, and a staggering 10,000 wounded, since the conflagration erupted in December 1987.

Israelis are starting to realise that this cannot continue. Fiftyfive per cent of them are said to favour talks with the PLO if it: adberes to its promise to refrain from terrorism. The national unity government patched agonising-

elections cannot conceal the rising voices of concern.

Motta Gur, a Labour party minister and former chief of staff. is one of these. He boldly urged the government to tell the truth about how Arafat's PLO had halted all attacks from Lebanon. But liberal Likudniks like Ehud Olmert are worried too. Rabin seems extreme even to some right-wingers. "We will not be defeated." the defence minister said before storming out of the

"The Palestinians will suffer." This week's resignation by Uzi Baram, the powerful secretarygeneral of the Labour Party, is another sign of the future shape of Israeli politics. If this Likud-Labour government survives, it will produce a huge centre par-ty— a form of Israeli Bntskellism idea. forged by the national emergency of finally having to deal frontally with the Palestinian problem and having to make con-

aginable a year ago. Moshe Arens, the Likud's new prised some doves by the moderto be taken into account in any week. Quite how, be did not Guardian.

ly together after last November's elaborate. But give him time, elections cannot conceal the rishis traditional monosyllabic refusal to envisage any change: his grudging readiness to acknowledge a supervisory U.N. role for any peace talks has brought him closer to the international conference idea espoused by the Labour leader. Shimon Peres, who has

wisely abandoned foreign affairs

for the relative safety of the

finance ministry.

The source of all this - the intifada -- shows no signs of dying. Half-hearted attempts to enter into a dialogue with what the Israelis like to call "local leaders" have all ended in a firm referral back to PLO headquarters in Tunis, And Arafat, sensibly enough from his point of view, has rejected suggestions that a ceasefire might be a good

Nothing that Israel bas offered gives the Palestinians any reason to climb down from the high ground of history and morality to which the efforts and sacrifices of cessions that were simply unimthe last year have elevated them. Until that happens - and it now foreign minister, has already sur- seems increasingly a question of when rather than if - the intifaate noises he has been making. da, as the Jerusalem Post put it so Palestinian aspirations will have starkly and accurately yesterday, "will keep feeding on the very peace settlement, he declared this attempts to crush it." - The

## Gorbachev may push Bush to move faster

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON - In the runup to his inauguration as U.S. president. George Bush has made clear his intention to take a cautious, go-slow approach to relanons with the Soviet Union.

But President Mikhail Gorbachev, who has proven adept at seizing advantages from the West, has already announced several arms initiatives that could unravel the American chief's best-laid plans.

Gorbachev's most recent bold stroke, which was made public on Thursday, a day before Bush formally took office, involved a pledge to withdraw some tactical missiles from Europe.

Since December, he has also promised unilateral cuts of 500,000 troops and 10,000 tanks in Europe and to begin destroying Soviet chemical weapons.

U.S. officials feel the Gorhachev initiatives have something of a public relations falseness to

But private American analysts, who give Gorbachev much credit for the landmark U.S.-Soviet 1987 treaty scrapping medium-range missiles, say such Kremlin activity may force Bush to respond to Moscow more quickly than he might have liked.

"If Gorbachev continues doing what he's doing, the administration will be forced to respond," said Charles William Maynes, editor of Foreign Policy Maga-

"The pressure from the allies, from Congress and the American people will be too great." he told

To the extent that the Soviet Union appears less and less of a military threat. European allies might be inclined to curtail their own defence spending and balk at U.S.-supported moves to modernise NATO · weaponry, U.S. analysts say.

Western nations are already beginning to ease credits and loans to Moscow and this is another challenge Washington must face clined to forecast when the re-sooner rather than later, they say.

Moreover, the U.S. Congress, which must grapple with its own sky-high deficit, could be influenced by Soviet armament pullbacks and European attitudes about NATO military burden-sharing to spend less for defence.

After several years of fastpaced developments in U.S.-Soviet relations, Bush's nominee for secretary of state, James Baker, signalled this week that the keyword is caution as the new administration reassesses the legacy bequeathed by Reagan, including arms control proposals. Bush acknowledged on Thurs-

day there may be an international public relations problem if Gorbachev is perceived as moving forward on disarmament and East-West relations while his administration languishes in leng-

But in an interview with Reuters and other wire service reporters, he said: "My intention is not to drag my feet but to simply do a prudent assessment."

Like Baker, however, he de-

superpower strategic arms nego-tiations — which many believe is closest to agreement - might be To some extent, U.S. officials

regard the Gorhachev initiatives as somewhat phony and resent the public perception that the Soviet leader is the prime mover toward disarmament. This was demonstrated on

Thursday when the State Department, commenting on the plan to withdraw some tactical nuclear missiles from Europe, pointedly noted that Moscow was "following the lead" of NATO, which since 1979 has cut its nuclear stockpile in Europe unilaterally by 2,400 warheads.

On the other hand, analysts for some time have argued that the West, in general and the United States, in particular, surrendered the advantage to Gorbachev by failing to develop their own innovative, offensive strategy for dealing with a new and creative Soviet leader.

# ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Coordinate holidays By Salah Abdul Samad

SOME years ago a holiday was given at the same time to all schools, community colleges and universities by the end of the first semester of the scholastic or the academic year; and also at the end of the second semester, thus allowing all members of the same family in Jordan to have a period of relaxation together.

A real re-union of daughters, sons, fatbers and mothers used to

result from such coordination of holidays between schools and institutes of higher learning, contributing towards stronger family ties and providing a tranquil atmosphere for every one at home. In those days, students at different stages of learning used to take their examinations simultaneously, and the atmosphere at home used to be geared to serve their interest, unlike the situation now when no coordination is possible in view of the fact that while some of the family members take their examinations, the others

are enjoying a holiday which is reflected in one way or another on the climate at home. The previous arrangement which unfortunately for most Jordanian families was terminated without any good cause, had yielded very excellent results and made everyone happy.
Since the past experience had proved successful, we wonder why the new system should be allowed to continue; but we can understand demands by a majority of people for reinstating the old and successful system that streamlined holidays for schools,

community colleges and universities alike. Now that Jordanians are striving to cut down on expenses and rationalise expenditure. it is most beneficial for all to revert to the old and very useful practice of allowing everyone a holiday simultaneously providing a chance for a vacation for the whole family at the lowest possible rate of expenditure. A return to the old system would clearly allow the family members to pay visits to the numerous historical, tourist and archaeological sites in the We indeed look forward to rapid and practical formula which entails cooperation from all concerned parties to serve the common goal — Al Ra'i.

# Is Henry Kissinger back?

By Christopher Hanson Reuter

WASHINGTON - With the George Bush presidency launched, some seasoned insiders are saying former secretary of state Henry Kissinger has reasserted his influence in U.S. foreign policy councils.

"The unsinkable Kissinger bobs back," was how political observer Garry Wills put it in a recent New York Times column.

Kissinger, who advised presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford on foreign policy from 1969 to 1977, was a member of the team that oversaw the transition from Ronald Reagan to Bush, who was inaugurated on Friday. Associates of Kissinger have been selected for key posis in the new administration.

Kissinger, maligned by the right as a dangerous moderate who had pushed East-West detente too far under Nixon, emerged some time back as a conservative critic of Reagan-

style detente. His message in newspaper columns and television commentaries was that Reagan had gone a colleague in the Nixon-Ford years

bit too far a bit too fast. A conservative reassessment of the U.S. position was essential before returning to Geneva talks on cutting superpower long-range missiles by 50 per cent. "He seems to consider arms

control a snare and delusion unless he himself is doing the snaring and deluding," Wills wrote. Nevertheless, Kissinger's neoconservative views have been

embraced by two other individuals once derided by rightwingers as dangetous moderates - President Bush and his Secretary of State, James Baker. They have promised a reassessment of the American stance on

missile talks and say it is too early to set a date for the next round of negotiations.

Kissinger won a place last autumn on President Bush's transition team, which recommended changes in policy as well as candidates for key appointments. When appointments were

made, Kissinger associates began popping up. Brent Scowcroft, just named as Bush's national security adviser. was a key Kissinger aide and

and vice-president of Kissinger Associates, Kissinger's consultan-

As Baker's deputy secretary of state, the new administration has tapped another old Kissinger aide and Kissinger Associates consul-tant, Lawrence Eagleburger. Former Kissinger aide Peter

Rodman, who has worked in government with Scowcroft and Eagleburger, has been named to a key post on the White House National Security Council. These developments have con-vinced some Washington watch-

ers that Kissinger is back as a force to be reckoned with in policy-making. Nevertheless, the extent of the Kissinger comeback should not

be overstated. Even if he wished to influence former aides, Kissinger might be powerless to pull strings and

make them move his way. As Foreign Policy Magazine editor and former diplomat Charles Maynes put it: "Scowcroft... is not a puppet. He is very accomplished and is his own man. He has very well-developed views on most international issues."

And given the general trend



Henry Kissinger

towards moderation in U.S. foreign policy, it was hardly surprising that moderate conservatives like Scowcroft and Eagleburger are back in government.

"It's just the natural progression... the way the system works," Maynes said.



wars of monopoly — I wonder as a mother and as a member of the buman race if it is not high time to reconsider the quality of the future generations which we expect to step into the 21st

The youth of today, the procreators of the future nuclei families and the carriers of the coming social structure, are either involved in or panicstricken by wars (chemical and

LETTERS.

To the editor:

AS the whole world frivolously

approaches the year 2000, busi-ly counting the blessings of the

20th century and its achieve-

ments - computers, space

ships, missiles, rockets, wars on

hunger, wars of ideology and

Time to reconsider nuclear) and drugs, disturbed by abused freedoms, neglected values, discarded religions. fanaticism, meager justice and frail democracies, all arising in the name of civilisation, mod-

ernisation and development. Is it too much to wonder about the social structure we will be handing over to our future generations under these circumstances?

Knowing that God in the beginning created heaven and earth, is it too much to ask for God's mercy? Is it too late to minimise the sufferings of our planet earth and of mankind? Is it too late to heal the wounds of

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A Hindu Sadhu in meditation buried himself in a pile of sands on the bank of a confluence of three rivers. An estimated 30 to 40 million people are expected to bathe at the rivers for the duration

# :Hinduism: Many paths to salvation

By Dilip Ganguly The Associated Press

ALLAHABAD, India - The naked holy man walked past his disciples offering blessings and sacred ash. He raised his hands and hundreds bowed, almost in

Some lay prostrate in reverence to the man, the head of a sect of "Nagas." or naked recluses of Hinduism,

About 200 metres away, a holy man clad in a saffron robe was delivering sermons.

"Why move naked?" he asked his followers and then answered himself. "This is a ploy. You can reach God dressed.

The scenes at Hinduism's biggest religious gathering, the recold with temperature dropping "Kumbb Mela" in the central to 3 degrees celsius (37 degrees Indian city of Allahabad, give fahrenbeit), tens of thousands of rare insight into a religion that is believed to have existed since the dips in the belief that a bath here third millennium B.C

Some 730 million people mostly in India and Nepal and parts of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mauritius, Thailand and Fiji belong to the faith.

A half-million holy men and their followers have been camping in Allahabad since Jan. 14, when the fair began. And 30 to 40 million pilgrims are expected to take holy dips during the 7-weeklong fair at the "sangam," or confluence, of the three rivers most sacred to Hindus - the Ganges, the Jamuna and the

Saraswathi. The fair, which takes its name from a mythical fight between gods and demons over a pot of nectar, is beld every 12 years when Jupiter enters Taurus and the Sun and the Moon are in Capricon. The importance of the fair varies depending on complicated calculations by Hindu astronomers.

The planetary alignment this year came after a gap of 140

You can't explain Hinduism." said M.P. Asthana, wbo has attended four earlier Kumbb fairs. "It is a way of life, where Karmas (deeds) are most important. Even to an average Hindu, the faith is so confusing." He added: "No one can explain

bow we got to acquire, and where are, our 330 million gods and goddesses."

Objects of worship range from images and statues of gods and goddesses to living rats. In Hinduism every god has his steed, or vehicle. The rat is the vehicle of Ganesha, on whom the elephant-headed master-of-cere-

mony god rides. Hinduism postulates that all

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people go through a series of eventually lead to Moksha, the

from the cycle of rebirths. "With each rebirth you can move closer to or further from eventual Moksha," said Asthana, spokesman for the Uttar Pradesb government.

spiritual salvation that frees one

"The deciding factor is one's Karma. Bad actions result in bad Karma, which leads one to lower incarnation and a step further from salvation.

But if ones actions have been good he or she will reincarnate on a higher level and be a step closer to eventual freedom from rebirth.

Braving the unusual Indian. during the auspicious planetary conjugation will wash away the sins of a lifetime and release them from the cycle of births and re-

"It is like appearing directly before God for confessions," said Jagannath Dwevedi, the chief administrator of the fair, where 560 million rupees (\$37 million) of government money is being spent to make it a success.

"No one knows how hathing will wash off sins, but the belief is so great that no logic stands," Dwevedi, who also takes ceremonial dips at the rivers confluence, said in an interview.

Before the bath, pilgrims offer milk and marigold flowers to the rivers in a purification ritual and later throw water with bands towards the sky, believing that some drops will reach their ances-

tors in the heaven. The "Nagas" among the holy men move naked. And they bave

'Nakedness ends all dicbotomy in buman life," said one holy man, refusing to give his name "We were born naked and therefore should remain naked and die

Fifty-two religious groups bave put up sprawling tent homes at the fair. Each bas its way and means to reach god. Most of them constantly smoke marijuana. They say it belps to meditate and become closer to god.

"This makes Hinduism unique;" said Asthana. "There is no restriction on how you reach your goal - salvation.

Beef and other non-vegetarian food are out of the fair menu because the devout of the Hindus are vegetarian and eating beef is a religious taboo.

# 'Hundreds of babies sold in southern Italy'

NAPLES, Italy - The going price for a new-born baby, picked up hours after birth from the hospital is 40 million lire (\$29,000) or more.

And there are plenty of cus-tomers in southern Italy's booming baby market.

Magistrates in Naples, centre of the trade, say hundreds of babies are changing hands each year in an itlicit traffic which is completely beyond their control. Some babies have been exchanged for jobs or apartments and one tiny boy was "auctioned" to the highest bidder.

Oreste Ciampa, president of Naples juvenile court, told Reuters he guessed at least 600 babies were sold a year in the southern Campania region alone.

Melita Cavallo, a judge at the court, said in an interview: "We have not been able to stop this trade... If you do not put up a barrier, if people think it is easy, it increases.

"When it is a question of 40 to 50 million lire (\$29,000 to 37.(KK))... some people are prepared to do anything.

The mothers of the habies for

"The mothers of the babies for sale are usually unmarried young women from the south ashamed of their pregnancy who come to Naples or other cities to give birth in secret. Many are the victims of incest, rape or sexual relations with their mothers' lovers."

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ape or sexual relations with their mothers' lovers, Cavallo said. The young mothers, often

thrown out of hospital within hours of the birth, usually get nothing except a no-strings adoption of their unwanted children.

The money goes instead to intermediaries who set up the sale, sometimes relatives of the The sale of babies to childless

couples is booming because of a loophole in the law which enables a false father to "recognise" an unwanted child soon after birth.

This device usually succeeds only if the mother herself legally claims her baby. So the interme-diaries ensure that she recognises the child before slipping back to her village.

Eventually the wife of the false father is then able legally to adopt the child.

Some women are known to have had babies "on commission", including one woman who was obliged to become pregnant again after bearing a handicapped child unacceptable 10 the cus-

Pimps are also known to have

By Barry Moody sold the children of young prostitutes, Cavallo said. But these

She believes that in many hospitals and clinics in the region there are intermediaries, nurses, doctors or other staff, who persuade young mothers to sell their

babies. The intermediaries have a list of potential parents and the sale can be arranged within hours. Cavallo said in one recent case a teenager gave birth at eight in the

were isolated cases.

evening and within 12 hours a false father had arrived to claim the child. Late in December Cavallo persuaded a young mother to confess that a man claiming her new-born

child was not the real father. But then she asked how much the court would pay for her baby. "I've had it in my belly for nine months, how much is it a month?" she said.

Cavallo added: "But this is an exceptional case. Normally the girl just wants to get rid of the baby and forget the experience."

In another episode discovered by Cavallo three men and a woman came to a distraught man's house hours after he had learned at the hospital that his 15-year-old daughter was pregnant by her brother.

They laid piles of banknotes totalling 30 million lire (\$22,000) on the table and proposed taking the girl away until she gave binh. "When we have the buby you can have her back plus another 20 million (\$14,500)," they said.
The father refused but discovered later, after his daughter

abandoned her baby at the hospital, that it had been claimed by false father and raken away. In other cases girls have given

binh with the name of the false new mother. "So the baby is born legitimately and nothing emerges. Unfortunately this happens," Cavallo said. She said one convicted criminal

had been caught trying to claim a new-born haby. We had hoped to sell it to a couple and then blackmail them by threatening to reyeal the deal.

Cavallo says a trade once confined mainly to peasants and old Many are the victims of incest; couples now involves respectable professional people from all classes who want to avoid the long delays and stringent rules required for legal adoption.

> "Now it has become so simple everybody is doing it," she said. Cavallo and Ciampa are frustrated by weaknesses in the law and by widely varying attitudes in different courts. Some judges treat defendants indulgently, taking the view that the trade neatly solves both the problem of the unmarried mother and the child-

> less couple. Under present rules the juvenile court often has to pass a case to normal judges after a preliminary investigation, causing years of delays. "Our of hundreds of cases a few dozen have come to trial and nobody has been sent to jail for more than a few months," Cavallo said

She said Ciampa want the juvenile court given total responsibility for child selling cases.

The judgment must not be fragmented, some for us and some for other judges. We should have total jurisdiction so that contradictory judgments can be avoided," Ciampa said.



Before the revolution in Nicaragua, 120 nut of every 1,000 babies

tion and other measures have now cut the death rate to 65. The

# Unhealthy times in Nicaragua

By Robert Walgate

The revolution in Nicaragua brought a drastic improvement in the provision of health care to the poor. But now the system is threatened by a collapsing economy.

MANAGLIA. Nicaragua — The Nicaraguan government has announced plans to reduce infant mortality by half, having already reduced it to 65 per 1.000) since the time of the dictator Somoza — when 120 of each 1,000 babies failed to survive their first year.

But ten years after the revolution, the Sandinistas' greatest success — the health system — is creaking under the weight of a collapsing economy. An epidemic of virulent malar-

ia is raging in rice-growing lowlands, and tuberculosis and killer childhood diarrhoea and respiratory diseases are increasing once

Some diseases, however, are coming under control: those involving vaccination, and where international financing has been available - like polio (eliminated in 1482 with help from the private.... foundation Rotary Internationall, and diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and measles.

The real problem in the rest of the health system is money. Inthe face of the attacks from the contra rebels. Nicaragua's defence spending grew from 20 per cent of the budget in 1980 to over 50 per cent in 1987. All other sectors were squeezed: although health is given the same high priority as education, the health budget fell from 14 per cent to per cent of government

In addition, as a result of inflation, doctors' salaries are worth only a fifth of their real value in 1980. A hospital auxiliary earns 20,000 cordobas a month — and a pair of shoes costs 22,000 cordobas. A trained nurse earns 32,000 cordobas, and a doctor 150,000-200-000 cordobas (about \$30-40)

Essential medical equipment. such as refrigerators to store vaccines, cannot be repaired because spares are unobtainable, and because technicians have left to find better incomes in private medicine, industry and agriculture. I spoke to Carlos Vanzetti, a the Sandinistas against Somoza, and was six months in the mounrains before the revolution succeeded. Although he is paid U.S.\$500 monthly hy a German chanty - a fortune hy Nicaraguan standards - he says he finally feels compelled to spend half his week in private practice. (Of Nicaragua's total spending on health, half is in private hands.) "Many friends of the Sandinistas are having to leave," he says, Economically, under the press-

West German neurosurgeon who

came to Nicaragua to fight with

ure of what the United States calls a "low-intensity war." plus the U.S. trade embargo, the country is on its knees. The war has resulted in the death, injury or kidnap of over 50,000 people - nearly 2 per cent of Nicaragua's population of 3.4 million and caused economic damage valued at the equivalent of 45 years of current export earnings.

The U.S. trade emhargo begun in 1984 wiped out 30 per cent of Nicaragua's markets. The collapse of the Central American Common Market under the pressure of the international debi crisis lost Nicaragua another 20 per cent of expons. Falls in world commodity prices have done vet more damage, while Hurricane Joan which devastated the cities of Bluefields on the Atlantic coast, and El Rama on the Rio Escondido, and flattened thousands of hectares of forests. has cost another two years of exports at the current level, according to government esti-

The United States offered no aid after the hurricane. The World Bank has stopped lending to the Nicaraguan government. Debts total \$9,000 million.

An increase in trade with Western Europe bas staved off even worse problems, and much military equipment has been bought by barter trade with the Soviet Union and East Germany. But the balance of payments deficit is up the oral rehydration mixture tures.

now nudging \$500 million. Food crop pruduction also appears to have declined, with shortages of the local staples, rice and heans.

Under these circumstances it is difficult to see how anyone, even growing problems is tuherculosis (TB): she has 57 cases, 22 of doctors, can be paid anything and indeed the government is printing money, with a 50,000 per cent inflation last year alone. At the heginning of the year a Cordoha was 2 cents; at the end it was worth 0.02 U.S. cents. And in December, President Daniel Ortega warned that if 1988 looked difficult, 1989 would be very difficult.

Meanwhile. health workers struggle on. Dr. Dousella Torres. for example, in charge of the vaccination programme for a region including the capital (which receives constant influxes of refugees from the mountains in the north), believes all children in her area, from hovel dwellers in the city to the rural poor, will be receiving polio vaccine (purchased by Rotary International) by this March. Oral polio vaccine is easy to

administer, whereas coverage with injected vaccines like DPT technician told her that the fui-(diphtheria, whooping cough pertussis — and tetanus) and in the voltage supply. The elec-measles is lower (around 40-50 tricity had already halted five per cent). But Dr. Torres is mak-times that day. Even the Nicaraing all efforts to increase the proportions. Together we visited a health

centre in Managua which covers 60,000 people in one of the poorest areas of the region. There Tania Perez, the director, says the main problem is diarrhoea - with 31 deaths this year, 29 of them of babies under one year old (out of 2,160 births). Hygiene is poor: half the area does not have proper sanitation - though there is a public campaign to build new latrines. She cannot afford equipment to test With 200 permanent workers

and 400 more volunteers for vaccination campaigns - Perez actively searches for cases of diarrhoea, supplies oral rehydration therapy and provides education for the mothers. She says she can't rely on the mothers to make

salts in water, during their babies' illness ("they are used to antibioties" I; and she has too few cookers to make up the solution at the health centre.
One of Perez's special and

whom are children. But there were no cases in 1986 or 1987, "As the economic crisis worsens. the TB cases go up," she said. Nutrition levels are also falling:

many of her children are under-nourished, and "almost daily" she is now seeing children suffering from the protein-deficiency disease kwashiorkor. Even the army is underfed: I hired a car, and one day gave a

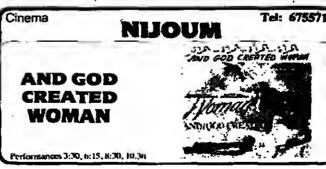
lift to a national serviceman; he begged for food. Two days earlier, a rice truck heading for Managua had been hijacked by three men, one of them reportedly wearing army uniform.

Back in the Managua health centre. Tania Perez showed me her refrigerators for storing vaccine: most were out of order, and the only working machine was ten technician told her that the fuilures were caused by fluctuations guan central vaccine store hangs on a knife edge, with two of the main cold cabinets relying on single compressors (two are needed for safety).

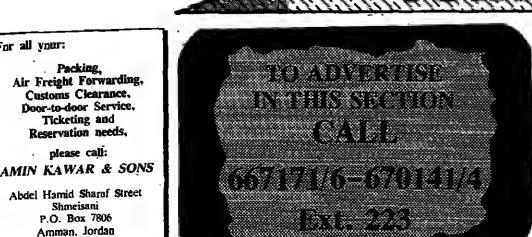
Perez told me that vaccination levels were held back hy low levels of education - with pregnant women refusing vaccines. Even worse, a church group that is strong in the area, the Evangelical Church - a "counter-revolutionary force" says Perez teaches people to refuse "foreign bodies" in the blood, including vaccinations. "So we are being more aggressive in health education," she says. Although illiteracy is now down to 21 per cent. reading ability and attention spans are not great, and the need is for films, seminars and audio-

But, as with so much, there is noone to pay -- PANOS fea-











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# Japan to give more aid

TOKYO (R) — Japan plans to spend more both achieve what it promised at the Minister Kichiro Tazawa told redefending itself and helping out the Third World in the coming year, government officials said Monday.

calls for it to shell our 3.92 trillion yen (\$31 billion) on defence and national product (C 756 billion yen (\$5.9 billion) on third year in row. economic assistance in the year

beginning April I. That represents a 5.9 per cent increase in defence spending and a 7.8 per cent rise in aid outlays in into account.

Minister Moshe Shahal said Mon-

day Israel would begin drilling for

oil in the Dead Sea in October.

in the Dead Sea in October, to go

for the first time through the salt

there and find out if there is oil or

many years and I support those

wbo think there is a very high

not." be said a news conference.

"We are planning a deep drill

"We bave spoken of this for

The government's draft budget fence spending will exceed one per cent of its projected gross national product (GNP) for the

They also mean that Tokyo will remain the world's top aid donor. giving away more than \$10 billion, after taking off-budget items

'By having such a large in-Government officials said that crease, Japan will be able to the plans mean that Japan's de- make a further step ahead to

plore an area 6,000 metres below

Sea, nearly 400 metres below sea

differences such as those over the

level, are rich in minerals.

The salty waters of the Dead

Shahal also said Egypt con-

tinue to supply oil independent of tonnes of Egyptian oil a year and

the surface.

Toronto economic summit to boost foreign aid over the next five years," Foreign Mittister Sosuke Uno told reporters.

Before 1987, the Japanese government used an artificial ceiling yen (\$1.1 billion). for defence spending of one per cent of GNP to fend of criticism from Asian neighbours worried about a resurgence of Japanese militarism.

"Although the defence agency sticks to its policy of increasing defence spending in an orderly manner, it will need more money as its military equipment becomes

negotiations over the last week. **Israel targets Dead Sea for oil** The Finance Ministry bad originally proposed a 5.2 per cent increase in defence spending, the same as this year, and a 5.9 per He said Egyptian Petroleum Minister Abdul Hadi Kandil told cent increase in aid.

relatively smoothly, a develop-ment analysts said was one to the Aides said the hole would ex- him the supply of oil "is entirely a relationship between a purchaser and a supplier and this rela-tionship will continue without any large amount of tax revenues the government expects to rake in connection to political probfrom the booming economy. The government budget still

must be approved by parliament, but given the ruling party's overwhelming majority there, its passage is virtually a foregone con-

The defence budget includes an

18.2 per cent increase in spending

to help maintain U.S. military

bases in Japan, to 142.3 billion

The United States, wrestling to

reduce its huge budget deficit,

bas been pressing Japan to in-

crease its support for American

will give us high marks for that,"

"I believe the United States

Both the defence agency and

the Foreign Ministry successfully

wrangled more money out of the

tight-fisted Finance Ministry in

Officials said the talks went

military bases here.

Tazawa said.

# Wave of mergers worries Canadians

TORONTO (AP) — A flurry of the largest been company in mergers in Canadian airline, beer Canada with 53 per cent of the and gasoline industries have market. That puts it ahead of ignited concern that prices will current no. 1 John Labatt Ltd. rise and competition will fall as Canadian companies strive to market. compete in the U.S. and world markets.

Three big deals in as many days an unusually high number have prompted speculation the metgers are the start of a larger trend, fuelled in part by the free trade agreement with the United States that went into effect Jan. 1.

Mergers are not new to the Canadian business world, but the level of corporate concentration long has been a controversial subject.

Calvin Goldman, director of the Federal Bureau of Competition, cautioned companies against completing merger arrangements without authorisa-

"Companies would be taking a chance were they to close a deal before the competition bureau has had the opportunity to conduct a full and thorough investigation of the proposed transaction." be said in a statement that capped three days of announcements in highly visible industries. Wednesday, Molson and Carl-

announced a merger that forms

which now has 43 per cent of the

A top goal for the new, larger Molson Breweries Company is to more than double exports to the United States, where Canadian beer has been gaining popularity. Molson had been the second biggest beer company in Canada while Carling O'Keefe was third.

Thursday, Canadian Airlines International announced it was buying out Wardair for about \$202.4 million (241 million Canadian) in cash and stock. The smaller Wardair had run a lowfare operation held up as a model for entrepreneursbip, largely based on founder Max Ward's background as a bush pilot in the

Yukon territory. The sale reduces fare pressure on privately owned Canadian and on Air Canada, which is 55 per

cent owned by the government. David McKendry of the Consumers Association of Canada said the merger announcements were bad news. "It means big business is getting bigger and that means higher prices. In this case, Wednesday, Molson and Carlbig is definitely not better," being O'Keefe Breweries told the Toronto Sun.

Friday, no. 1 oil company Im-

Saudi Arabian Oil Company to

take over the management of its

oil fields from Arabian American

Oil Company (Aramco) and set

for no. 4 Texaco Canada with about \$4.1 billion (4.9 billion Canadian). Imperial is 70 per cent owned by U.S.-based

The only larger deal in the Canadian oil industry was last year's \$4.6 billion (5.5 billion Canadian) purchase of Dome Petroleum Ltd. by Hmoco Canada.

The free trade issue was muted in the week's three announcements because the Canadian beer industry received special protection in the pact signed last year by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and then-president Ronald Reagan. American airlines did not get unlimited access to Canadian airports under the deal and local gas stations also were excluded.

The Federal Bureau of Competition has forced nine companies to restructure or abandon their mergers since 1986. At least two others were brought before a competition tribunal for public bearings, according to the Globe and Mail newspaper. It said the burea's statistics show the number of acquisitions in Canada increased from 641 in 1984 to

Regulations require companies to wait 21 days from announcement to complete a merger, although the competition burean still can require changes after that three-week period.

Shirley Carr, president of the Canadian Labour Congress, said she was concerned about the potential for lost jobs. "The corporations decided we should have free trade and now, ever since the election, we've been hearing about nothing but mergers and clo-

sures," she told the Toronto Star. Mulroney's Progressive Conservative Party won its second consecutive majority government . in the Nov. 21 election, clearing. the way for the trade agreement . to take effect after the bitterly fought campaign.

Imperial, which markets under the Esso brand in Canada. guaranteed the jobs and benefits of the 3,300 Texaco employees, but some job reduction was expected as a result of the beer and

airline mergers. A recent study by the federal government's Statistics Canada Agency showed that the share of business assets held by the top 25. Canadian corporations increased to 35.1 per cent in 1986 from 29.6 per cent 10 years before.

# Oman hopes for new oil finds

MUSCAT (R) — Omanis are scouring their mountainous Gulf state for fresh oil reserves to steer their economy through the fluctuations of world petroleum

But after sharply lower crude prices in recent years, prospects are looking up for the country. which relies on oil for threequarters of its revenues.

It has based its 1989 budget on an oil price of around \$12.50 a barrel, yet its crude is currently trading around \$2.50 above that on international markets.

"I believe there is a chance of an increase in price (in 1989), but not much ... if the price of oil goes to \$15 or \$16, we will be very glad," Oil Minister Said Ibn Ahmad Al Shanfari said in an interview with Reuters.

Oman, bordering the Gulf and the Arabian Sea, is banking on exploration to boost oil reserves thi are modest compared with those of neighbouring Saudi Ara-

government, facing high inflation

lower living standards in 1989,

Finance Minister Andrzei Wrob-

He told Reuters the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund (1MF) was.

pressing Warsaw to lower living

standards by about 10 per cent

this year and speed up efforts to

But Wroblewski said the gov-

ernment was also "under

tremendous social pressure to in-

crease living standards and return

Opposition economists calcu-

late that per capita income in

1988 was still 13 per cent below

1978, Poland's best year before

the crash of the late 1970s and

at least to the level of 1978."

balance the economy.

lewski said in an interview.

conflictu

It is also a key player in efforts to win more cooperation on stabilising prices between the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and non-

OPEC states like itself. Shanfari flew to Moscow last week after talks in Muscat with OPEC Secretary-General Sub-roto. Soviet officials said after Shanfari's trip that they would attend as observers at a planned meeting in London of OPEC and non-OPEC producers.

But the key to the future of Oman's 1.5 million people lies in building up reserves.

"Our reserves bave already climbed up to 4.2 billion barrels," Shanfari said in the interview. "We are building up reserves

every year by sometimes 100 million barrels, sometimes 50 million," after taking exports into account, be added.

A Western financial analyst in Oman said the country bad bia and the United Arab Emi- adapted well when oil prices tum- down on 1988.

and fears of unrest, is under 60-70 per cent compred with 26 An IMF mission was due in per cent in 1987 and said the 1989 Poland within five weeks and

target was 55 per cent, but did not

indicate how this reduction would

was unlikely to meet IMF condi-tions but said Poland boped for

an agreement with the fund in

1989 which could allow norma-

lisation of relations with the Paris

Club of creditor states and new

The country's current political

atmosphere, with the government

edging to an accord with the

banned Solidarity trade union,

was a favourable factor, be said.

only realistic thing under current

conditions is to maintain existing.

"Our assessment is that the

World Bank credits.

Wroblewski indicated Poland

He estimated 1988 inflation at mic growth," be said.

Poland fears lowering living standards

be achieved.

bled, "They bave done a remarkably good housekeeping job bere after the oil price crash in 1986."

Israel buys some 4.5 million

sells Egypt \$80 million worth of

oil products refined bere.

He said recession that hit the Gulf as a whole bad not spared Oman, but that development ofagriculture, fisheries and light industries and controls on government spending led the country to weather the storm well.

Oman plans to pump 600,000 barrels of oil daily in 1989, the same as last year.

Expecting an oil price of about \$12.50 per barrel, Oman last year forecast a 1989 budget deficit of 402 million Omani riyals (\$1.06 billion) against a 1988 deficit of 252 million riyals (\$655 million).

But Omani oil was on sale last week for around \$15 per barrel, after world prices firmed when a new OPEC pact to curb output took effect from the beginning of January.

'standards while improving econo-

Wroblewski boped that formal

talks for IMF approval for the

government's economic adjust-

ment programme would open

Wroblewski said despite im-

proved exports Poland was still

able to pay only about half the

annual interest on its \$37.9 billion

foreign debt which was growing.
"At the moment we are repaying \$1.7 to \$2 billion annually.

It is only about half of our obliga-tions. We should pay \$3.5 to \$4

OSLO (AP) - Nearly three years

of forced austerity bave produced

some encouraging signs for Nor-

way's ailing economy, but most people are still feeling the pinch.

Oslo is listed as Europe's most expensive city by Business Inter-

national, the Geneva research

company, and bargains bave long

been bard to find anywhere in the

But real trouble came in the

mid-'80s with a sudden drop in

the price of oil, a major export. Easy credit and plenty of money

bad given Norwegians a spending habit, and many bousebolds went

in debt to pay for television sets,

furniture, foreign vacations or

billion a year," he said.

Budget revenue in 1989 is estimated at 1.21 billion riyals (\$3.14 billion), more than 10 per cent

## S. Arabia moves ahead in restructuring oil industry

ABU DHAB1 (R) — Saudi Arabia has taken a new step in restructuring its oil industry by establishing a local refining and marketing company, but the organisation's details are still vague, oil industry sources in the

Oil Minister Hisbam Nazer announced the establishment of the Saudi Arabian Refining and Marketing Company (Samarc) last week to take over all refinery and marketing activities from state agency Pet-

Oil industry sources said Petromin will remain as a holding company to oversee oil and

mineral operations.

'The announcement (on Samarc) bas been made, but it will take a while for the company to be operational," an oil analyst in the Gulf said. "The details are still lacking."

Gulf oil sources said the new company might start functioning early this summer.

Saudi Arabia is the world's biggest oil exporter with an OPEC production quota of 4.524 million barrels per day. After a price crasb in 1986 it set out to cut costs and integrate operations from the oil fields to petrol stations in consumer states.

up a joint venture with Texaco to refine and sell oil products in 23 American states. Gulf-based oil traders said the new company could be based in Jeddah, rather than in Riyadh, where the General Petroleum

and Mineral Organisation of Saudi Arabia (Petromin) is lo-Sources said Petromin will re-

linguish all domestic refineries and its share in two joint venture refineries in Jeddah and Jubail to

#### Gunaydin newspaper group last July, since when its sales have doubled, and earlier this month bought the prestigious Gelisim magazine and encyclopaedia group.

Blanca gets top U.N. economic job LINITED NATIONS IR) - France's former ambassador to Argentina, a one-time literature professor, was appointed to the U.N. post of director-general for development and international economic cooperation. Antoine Blanca. 52, succeeds his compatriotJean Ripert in the top economic job in the New York secretariat. In making the appointment. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar continued the tradition of appointing a directorgeneral from a developed nation when the top U.N. post, his own, is occupied by someone from the Third World. Perez de Cuellar is

ECONOMIC NEWS IN BRIEF

ISTANBUL 1R) - Asil Nadir of Polly Peck International PLC

strengthened his grip on the Turkish newspaper market with the

purchase of a third press group. Nadir, a rich British businessman

of Turkish-Cypriot origin, personally bought the popular Gunes

newspaper and the Limon weekly humorous magazine, spokes-

woman Nil Adula said. Nadir promised not to change staff and to

consolidate the position of Gunes - "the sun" - in the bighly

competitive Istanbul newspaper market. Gunes sources said the

middle-of-the-road newspaper's circulation had shrunk to about

20,000, half its sales in recent years, and that Limon sold some

80,000 copies a week. Adula said no negoriations to buy other

publications were in progress at present. Nadir bought the

Nadir buys 3rd Turkish press group

## China's foreign trade surges 16.6%

In November, it established the

PEKING (AP)—China's foreign 5102.9 billion. with the European Community trade was up 16.6 per cent in 1988 Foreign economists consider was \$8.57 billion, up 4.1-per cent despite economic disarray, sharp spending cuts and restrictions on the statistical burean's figures to and trade with the United States be more complete and generally was \$7.14 billion, a growth of 27.7 per cent.

Exports reached \$40.1 billion, up 15.5 per cent, while imports include such items as the import in 1987. They included 410 wholly 17.7 per cent over 1987 to \$39.3 billion, said Liu Xiangdong, spokesman for the ministry of foreign economic relations and trade.

The surplus of \$785 million on said at a news conference.

The ministry's figures, as is ber, trade with the Hong Kong normally the case, differed sub-region was \$18.76 billion, up 33.9 stantially from those of the State per cent over the same 11 months Statistical Bureau, which last week said China had a deficit of \$7.7 billion on total trade of billion, up 10.8 per cent; trade half of the year.

the cinema or taking a taxi.

middle-income person's wages.

About a third of the 307-bil-

lion-kroner (\$45.8 billion) federal

budget will go for pensions. Qual-

Quantity

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some imports and exports, the look at them in assessing China's 27.7 per cent. trade ministry aunounced trade picture, said an economist . He said 5,890 foreign-invested at a Western embassy in Peking. enterprises were newly approved The trade ministry does not in 1988 - 164 per cent more than

> from Chinese living abroad. It calculates only the value-added figure for processed exports. The statistical burean, bowev-

joint ventures and donations

total trade of \$79.4 billion was the er, calculates the full value of second in a row, following a both imported raw materials and surplus of \$1.3 billion in 1987, Liu processed exports.

Lin said that, through Novemin 1987.

Trade with Japan hit \$12.66

struction and reduce inflation didn't hurt foreign trade or investment. He said the foreign loans ex-ecuted amounted to \$3.62 billion in the second half of 1988, up

Liu stressed that austerity mea-

sures taken in September to cut

runaway spending on capital con-

times the number for 1987.

from \$2.88 billion in the first half. The number of joint ventures approved and paid-up foreign investment also rose in the second

## AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Monday, Jan. 23, 1989 Central Bank official rates-

from Peru.

Japanese yen (for t00) Dutch guilder 490.0 869.7 266.3 Swedish crown Italian lira (for 100)

### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

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"The last year, people really have been bnying less," said' Anne Titlerstad, manager of As a general rule, the unemployed are entitled to collect 63 Tronsmo Bookstore near the cenper cent of their past regular tre of Oslo. "I think people are income for a maximum of 80 cutting down on luxuries - if you

can call it luxuries - like going to Though many countries might be envious of Norway's 3.2 per Austerity was a slap in the face cent unemployment figure, that for some Norwegians, long accus-December rate was more than tomed to a far-reaching safety net double the figure for December of social services as the tradeoff 1987, and it's expected to keep for taxes that take about half of a climbing.

"Unemployment is a necessary" evil to improve the trade balance and hold down domestic de-mand." said Hans Petter Wilse. an economist at Norges Bank, the ified Norwegians can expect free central bank. "The increase is not what we want, but it's necessary to avoid an even worse situation in the future."

As the banks tightened credit, one result was a wave of bankrup-

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Austerity still hurts Norwegians

The government of Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundt-land, a Social Democrat, bas bad to enforce some unpopular measures to keep the economy afloat. Last summer, a wage-restriction law limited increases to one krone per hour, or 15 cents.

The measure means that most workers are not keeping abreast of inflation, which was measured at an annual rate of 5.6 per cent in December. But it has helped bring inflation down. In 1987, inflation reached 8.7

was encouraging, but "not as much as we had hoped." Other encouraging signs, on paper at least, are in improved trade balance, lower interest rates and indications that Norwe-

per cent. Wilse said the decline

gians are saving more. While the central bank isn't claiming those figures will translate into prosperity, it says they are siens that the economy is heading back to an even keel.

That may be small comfort, though, for people trying to make do with less money amid rising Several Norwegians said in interviews that widespread dissatisfaction could turn into trouble

for the government, which has

been in office since spring 1986.

Income taxes bave gone up every year since then, and a national election is scheduled Sept. 11. Many Norwegians also feel too much of their tax money is simply

going to feed big government. The government undermines its own austerity policy." Aftenposten, the country's biggest daily newspaper, said in a Decem-ber editorial. "With a swelling state budget, a weaker national economy has to carry a constantly

the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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### **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**

SYDNEY — Overseas buying of leading mining stocks boosted the market amid uncertainty over the collapse of Equiticorp International. The All Ordinaries Index closed up 5.1 at the day's

TOKYO — Prices closed bigher on bargain-bunting and news of a stronger yen and lower oil prices. The Nikkei Index rose 162.50 to 31,332.88.

HONG KONG — Stocks closed steady after overseas buyers reversed earliet losses. The Hang Seng Index fell 0.38 o 2,897.53.

SINGAPORE - Prices closed mixed after profit-taking pared early gains in fairly active trading. The Straits Times Industrial Index rose 0.69 to 1.096.00 as falls led gains by about 94 to 73. BOMBAY - Prices fell on a broad front in the aftermath of a

humiliating defeat suffered by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party in Tamil Nadu state elections. FRANKFURT — Prices regained some ground in patchy trading after early losses with blue chips leading the declines. The

30-share Real Time Dax Indez lost 4.93 to 1,318.21. ZURICH - Prices were steady on low volume trading and dealers

said interest rate concerns no longer bad much negative impact. The All-Share Swiss Index rose 0.8 to 962.1. PARIS - Shares were easier on the final session of the account as operators took profits after watching prices climb steadily since

December. The 50-share bourse indicator fell by 0.82 per cent. LONDON — Prices eased in late trading after an early surge on Wall Street ran out of steam. At 1621 GMT the FISE 100 Index

NEW YORK - Blue chips fell in line with the dollar's decline but bonds were mostly firmer. The Dow was down four at 2,232.

## **Jordan Rally '89**

AMMAN (J.T.) — The route for at Ma'in Spa Village and the the 1989 Jordan International subsequent 14 kilometre special Rally, scheduled for May 17-19 has been finalised by the organising committee. The rally will pass many areas of historic and touris-

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Leg one on Wednesday May 17 is based in and around the Greco-Roman city of Jerash, there will be 7 high speed special stages all hnt one on asphalt roads.

The second leg on Thursday May 18 will reach Qatrana in the south but the main focus of in-

subsequent 14 kilometre special stage from the spa, which is below sea level, up to the top of the hills near Madaba.

Leg three - and the longest of the rally - will reach Petra where the main regrouping halt will be located. The winning car is expected to arrive at the finish point at the Marriott Hotel at 7.00 p.m. on Friday May 19.

Total distance of the rally will be approximately 1,100 kms including 31 special stages which terest will be the regrouping halt will account for about 300 kms.

### **U.K.** board bars Eddie **Edwards** from circuit

jumping championships because the British Ski Federation thinks

he is jumping worse than ever. Edwards, who is currently in the United States recovering from injury, said he would be

But John Leaning, Nordie director of the Federation, said on Sunday: "We set Eddie a minimum standard to achieve for entering the world championships. He had to jump within 25 per cent nf an international competition-winning jump. He

hasn't done that. "He has been jumping worse during the past year than ever before and I think the trouble has been that Eddie has been spending so much time on commercial

"I can understand why, but he is going to have to take time off from these to concentrate on his

Edwards now fears that orga-

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

North-South vulnerable. South

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**GOREN BRIDGE** 

TIME FOR SOME PESSIMISM

LONDON (R) — Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards has been dropped from next mnnth's world ski taking part.

> He said: "I am very shocked at this. I did not expect this to happen and had been looking forward tn taking part in the

championships." He is still recovering from the broken collarbone and bruised kidneys he suffered during a disastrous practice jump in Austria earlier this month.

He added: "I aim to show everyone that this year Eddie Edwards will be a success if given the chance.

"I do take my sport very seriously. I do train and I do not want to he a failure. I even practice my take off technique in my hotel bedroom. I admit I haven't been jumping all that well recently but I know I have improved and can do much better

Edwards sprang to fame at the Winter Olympics in Calgary

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clarer could not avoid losing two

protect his tenaces.

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Pakistan beats the Dutch 2-1 in Gandhi Cup final

LUCKNOW, India (R) — Pakistan retained the Indira Gandhi Gold Cup Sunday when they beat the Netherlands 2-1 in a hockey final interrupted by a dispute between the Pakistani manager and the Dutch players. Manager Islah Uddin rushed on to the field early in the second half after one of his players had been hit on the head by a Dutch stick. Uddin's incursion upset the Dutch players who began pushing him and the game was held for three minutes before the umpires restored order.

#### High court overturns summons on South Africa

LONDON (R) - Legal moves to stop a test ban on crieketers with South African links on the grounds it would amount to hlackmail were quashed Monday. The high court overturned a criminal summons issued to the civil liberties organisation the freednm association by a magistrate Saturday alleging that plans by cricket's world governing body to impose a test ban was hlackmail. Lord Justice Taylor, sitting in London with Mr. Justice McNeill, said the application for the summons was "an abuse of the process of the court" and was "launched solely as a device tn disrupt or embarrass the International Cricket Conference." The summons, said the judge, was a "criminal sledgehammer to deal with a problem which is entirely civil."

#### Koeman signs reported \$10 million deal

BARCELONA (R) - PSV Eindhoven's Ronald Koeman signed a four-year contract with Spanish side Barcelona Sunday in one of the most expensive transfer deals in soccer history. Spanish newspapers reported Barcelona were paying a total of 10 million dullars for the Libero — six million tn PSV and one million dollars a year to Koeman, who joins his new cluh in July. Barcelona officials declined to comment on the amount being paid for the 25-year-old Dutch international, nne of the game's nutstanding players. Previous hig money deals include the \$8.5 million transfer of Dutchman Ruud Gullit from PSV to AC Milan last year, and Argentine Diegn Maradona's \$7.5 million move from Barcelona to Napoli in 1984.

### One dead, four injured in Monte Carlo

MONTE CARLO (R) — A spectator was killed and four people mjured, one of them seriously, in a crash during the Monte Carlo rally Monday, police said. They said Italian driver Alessandro Fiorio skidded and drove into a ravine, taking five spectators with him. Fiorio and his co-pilot received only scratches in the crash, the second involving the Italian driver's Lancia in the last two days. The crash occurred after the first eight drivers had already gone past. The other 137 drivers were diverted to the next special stage of the race. Accordings to race regulations, they will receive the same time for the stage, the fifth timed section from Chateau de Boulogne to Lyas. The 137 drivers will be marked down as having completed the stage in the 21 minutes 43 seconds taken by Hannu Mikkola of Finland, slowest of the eight drivers who finished the stage. Fiorio, the 23-year-old son of Lancia racing chief Cesare Fiorio, was involved in an accident Sunday when two spectators were injured.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1989

## YOUR HOROSCOPE

- As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

trump tricks. Correct technique is for South to the first sr ace. Since only four trumps in the West hand threatens the contract, declarer should next lay down the ace of clubs. Despite the bad news, the contract can still be made if declarer guesses the distribution.

Assuming that the two of spade ead indicates a four-card suit, declarer must overtake the queen of spades with the king and ruff a spade. He gets back to the queen of hearts and ruffs another spade. After cashing the ace-king of bearts and ace of diamonds, declarer overtakes the queen of diamonds with

the king. West and declarer are now down to three trumps each. Declarer leads diamond and ruffs with the queen of trumps! Whether West overruffs or not, be can score only one trump trick. Try it?

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Use over an emotional snarl. Willing

cedures. Conferences, discuss and meetings of any nature may bring forth new ideas for the future. The creative arts will inspire many. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Give advice only when asked, otherwise mum's the word. Stay with familiar routines. You are likely to stand

alone on some issues.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Make plans for festive occasions in the near future. A conservative winter vacation might chase away GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

Phone calls take up valuable time and force you to listen to those who have nothing important to say. Im-prove your lifestyle. MOON CHILDREN (Juns 22 to

Jul. 21) Make choices that have results. Personal relationships suffer when neglected. Adopt ac-tivities that are stimulating. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Ask for

THE Daily Crossword by Frank R. Jackson

a raise if you feel that you are not being compensated fairly. Examine a complicated financial situation. Make the necessary adjustments. VIRGO (Ang. 22 to Sept. 22) Af-fectionats attention will smooth

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LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) What you perceive as social failure is more fantasy than reality. Point yourself in another direction and ne up with a new group. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

When dealing with your mate's personal objectives, try an expansive outlook for better results. Social romantic resolutions blossom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Experimentation with change is not recommended this day. Don't turn over a challenging situation to

those who do not have experience. CAPRICORN (Doc. 22 to Jan. 20) Much can be accomplished today.
All systems are go. Plan vacations, long trips, and lifestyle objectives.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Wilander.

If you enjoy gadding about, go check out new places while you are in the mood. Keep social events in line with your sleep patterns.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) If
you feel that it is checkout time with a relationship, give it a little more time to make sure. Speak your

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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Becker, unusually tentative at the net, managed to fire less than half of his first serves in play while Svensson lost only 15 points on his serve.

Goran Ivanesevic, a 17-yearnld qualifier from Yugoslavia,

to tight end John Frank and 17 more to Rice. Then, he hit Roger Craig for 13 yards and hit Rice 27 yards over the middle on a second-and-20 play. After an 8-yard pass to Craig, he hit Rice for 10 yards to set up

But Montana, who connected

with 23 of 36 pass attempts, made

himself the quarterback of the

decade on the winning drive. He

passed for 8 yards to Rice, 9 yards

49ers steal last minute title

222 yards, which was also a rethe winning score to Taylor.

After Mike Cofer's 32-yard field It was the fifth straight win for a National Football Conference goal tied the game 6-6 for San team, hut by far the most drama-

Francisco with 50 seconds left in the third quarter, the Bengals' tie - the previous four had been by average score of 41-14.

After the game, U.S. President Stanford Jennings took the kickoff 93 yards for a score, racing untnnehed through the San George Bush called Natinnal Foothall League commissioner Francisco defense until Terry Pete Rozelle and invited the Greer ran, him down and tripped victorious 49ers to visit the White him as he fell over the goal line.

But the 49ers, whose offense had sputtered, suddenly came to Roman candles lit the sky and life. They went 85 yards in just strangers kissed in the streets four plays to tie the score at 13-13. Montana hit Rice for 31 with news of the hometown vicyards, Craig for 40, then Rice for nn the 49ers' third play from a touchdown in the left corner of scrimmage. The win also gave coach Bill Walsh his third Super Bowl win in

the end zone from 14 yards out.

The 49ers got as far as the play of a drive that carried the the end zone from 14 yards out.

there in a small brass urn.

Cincinnati 35 with 1:15 left.

The first half of what was supteam lieking major wounds. It left in the first period. was the first halftime tie in Super Miunesota 2-0 at halftime 14

backup fullhack Stanley Wilson, who was suspended by the league about five hours before the npening gun fnr what the league simply called "a violation of the NFL's substance abuse policy."

Wilson, whose NFL career be-

gan in 1983, had missed 21/2 previous seasons, including all of 1985 and 1987 and had undergone rehabilitatinn for unspecific drug problems at least five times in the

Then the Bengals suffered an more severe loss when all-pro nose tackle Tim Krumrie went out with 8:06 left in the first period with a hrnken left leg both his tibia and fibula. He was the second starter to hreak his left tory. leg in the first seven minutes -Steve Wallace, San Francisco's left tackle, suffered a broken tihia

49ers from their own 3 to the Bengals' 24 and culminated with posed to be a shootout ended the first score of the game, Cofwith the score tied 3-3 and each er's 41-yard field goal with 3:14

But it could have been worse Bowl history and the first without for the Bengals — a 22-yard pass a touchdown since Pittsburgh led from Montana to Mike Wilson. that was first ruled complete at the 2 was overruled when replay The Bengals started without official Chuck Heberling said Wilson never had possession.

The 49ers blew a major opportunity nn their next drive when they tried for 3 points instead nf 7 on fourth down and a long one from the Cincinnati 2 and came up with nothing.
San Francisco had driven 68

yards on a drive featuring a 30yard Montana - Rice hookup and 6yard third down burst to the two by Tnm Rathman from a four wide-receiver formation with two minntes gone in the second period. But after a time out, they elected to try the 19-yard field goal and when Randy Cross' snap was low. Cofer kieked it wide to the left of the goal posts, the shortest miss in Super Bowl his-

The Bengals tied it with 1:15 left in the half nn Breech's 34yard field gnal following a 28yard, six-play drive set up by Barry Helton's 37-yard punt.

Cincinnati got field position on Barry Helton's 37-yard punt. The Bengals took the second-

half kiekoff and despite five penalties used 9:11 to move from their own 14 to the San Francisco 25 and set up Breech's 43-yard field goal for a 6-3 lead. The 49ers tied it at 6-all on

Cofer's 32-yard field goal with 50 seconds left in the third period. But Jennings came right back with his kickoff return.

That almost seemed to energise the 49ers, who came right back.

## Becker beaten in straight sets

There's no stopping him ...

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP) — Les Boatwright's death did not keep him from going to the Super Bowl Sunday. He was

Boatwright, 75, died of heart attack Mnnday, clutching two Snper Bowl tickets as he prepared to place a bet with his bookie, said Boatwright's widow, Midge.

His two sons took the urn carrying the ashes of the San Jose,

California, resident to the U.S. championship football game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Cincinnati Bengals.

MELBOURNE (R) — Jonas Svensson took third seed Boris Becker apart Monday to lead a Swedish surge into the quarterfinals of the Australian Open

XXIII Super Bowl

The victory was achieved through the hrilliance of Joe

Montana and Jerry Rice, who

was named the game's most valu-

The winning score came at the end of a 92-yard drive, engineered by Montana, whose arm

gave him a Super Bowl record

with 357 yards passing. Twelve nf

his completions were to Rice for

In San Francisco, horns hlared,

10 seasons as the 49ers' coach. It

would be a fitting climax to a

career that may end this week

when the 57-year-old Walsh

might announce his departure.

The winning drive began after Jim Breech had kicked his third

field goal of the game, a 40-yarder with 3:20 left, to give the

Bengals a 16-13 lead. A holding

call on the following kickoff

forced the 49ers to start from

their own 8 yardline with a little

more than three minutes left in

Bowl ever.

able player.

cord.

MIAMI (AP) — Joe Montana hit John Taylor with a

10-yard touchdown pass with 34 seconds left in the

game Sunday as the San Francisco 49ers beat the

Cincinnati Bengals 20-16 in the most dramatic Super

Svensson won in straight sets 7-6, 6-4, 6-3 after two hours of superb, tennis, in which Becker. was relegated to the role of virtual spectator.

defeat of Ivan Lendl in the 1988 never looked like finding an advantage of the West German's mability to ignite his powerful

Svensson, seeded 14, now meets unseeded compatriot Jan Gunnarsson, a 7-6, 6-1, 6-2 winner over Michiel Schapers of the Netherlands, as Swedish Pain eased over the second round dismissal of world number one Mats

became the youngest player since Becker in 1984 to reach the last eight here when he scraped past Mexico's Leonardo Lavalle in five sets 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

"When I practised yesterday I felt as good as I could be," said Svensson. "It is the first time I. have played Boris when I thought-I could win from the beginning."

Becker was under pressure In a surprise result to rival his from early in the first set and tie-hreak 7-5.

His game was littered with unforced errors and Svensson took full advantage, firing winners from all parts of the court.

Becker also collected a warning for throwing away his racquet in frustration as the match began to slip away from him in the second

"When he started to scream I felt he was on his way down mentally," admitted Svensson, who reached the semifinal in Paris last year before losing to Henri Leconte.

Svensson felt Becker, who had break points in only two games,

contributed substantially to his own downfall. "It was a little like he lost it. he

made so many errors," he said. Becker was generous in defeat. suggesting that Svensson's ability should never be underestimated. "I wouldn't compare this with my defeats in previous years be-

cause Svensson is a good player.
"I had to give 110 per cent in the Davis Cup final and maybe I France respectively. haven't had enough time to re-

COVET. Svensson is confident he can go even further." I will just play my game no matter whn is on the other side of the net. I'm so confident I can do that now."

Ivanisevie recovered from two sets down against Lavalle. coached by Becker's former mentor Gunther Bosch, to win 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 thanks mainly to a ferocious forehand.

From 4-3 in the third Ivanisevic, who collected a code of conduct warning for hitting a ball into a nearby railway yard, upped the tempo as Lavalle wilted in the

Catarina Lindqvist carried the

Swedish flag into the women's quarter-finals by beating Indith Wiesner of Austria 7-5, 6-2. She will now play New Zealand's Belinda Cordwell.

Second seed Martina Navratilova will play Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova, seeded five, after they both won-in-straight sets against Australia's Hana Mandlikova and Catherine Tanvier of ...

Mandlikova, in her third anter a sixbreak with injury, only led Navratilnva once after breaking her . serve in the fifth game.

The American broke back immediately, took the first set on her second set point and ran away with the second set to post a 6-4,

6-1 victory. "It's the best tennis I've played because I was pressed. The pressure was there and I came through

but I was impressed with what

Hana did." the second seed said

Sukova faced more serious problems before winning through 7-5, 6-4 on centre court against

### **Peanuts**







### Mutt'n' Jeff





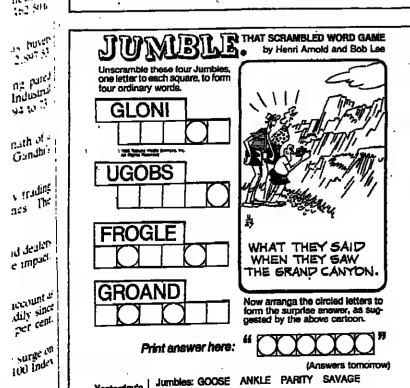




### **Andy Capp**







Answer: What their bebies' bedroom was called —THE "NOISERY"



Despite intense campaigning and mobilisation of supporters. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress I Party suffered a humiliating defeat in Tamil Nadu. In one of many rallies, supporters campaigned in front of a giant portrait of late Prime Minister Indira

### **Gandhi defeat makes** early election unlikely

MADRAS. India (R) - A re- Ramachandran's mistress. gional party romped home in state elections in India's southern Tamil Nadu state Monday, humiliating Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (1) Party and making an early general election un-

"A victory here would have persuaded him (Gandhi) to bring general elections forward, hut now he will stick to the original schedule of year-end," said C.T. Kurien, director of the Madras Institute of Development Stu-

Because of India's ferocious summers, elections are held early or late in the year. The government's five-year term expires in December and the choice was between a quick poll in March or April or a full-term one in

November or December. Gandhi's conqueror in Saturday's Tamil Nadu state assembly elections was Tamil politician Muthuvel Karunanidhi, who led Munnetra Khazagam (DMK) Party to victory in the last major poll before the general

election. The DMK won 143 of the 232 seats at stake with eight results snil to be declared. Congress (1)

won only 25. Two former film actresses. both claiming to be political heir of the late movie idol and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G.

Ramachandran, finished with

PASADENA, California (AP) ---

Two years after hurning hodies

were found in a ceramics factory's

kilns, members of a prominent

family who ran a mortuary face

trial for alleged mass cremations

and removal of organs and gold

David Sconce, 32, and his pa-

rents. Jerry Sconce, 55, and Laurieanne Lamb Sconce, 52, are

accused of 67 counts including

multiple cremation of human re-

mains and unlawful removal of

body parts from human remains.

Their trial was scheduled to

hegin Monday but Los Angeles

county deputy District Attorney

Jo Ann Glidden said Friday it is

expected to be postponed be-

cause attorneys have other case

David Sconce Friday was

They deny the charges.

fewer than 30 seats between The faction headed by

frnm corpses.

commitments.

gress into third place by winning 27 seats. His widow Janaki lost her own seat and her party won only one. "This election is a turning point in Tamil Nadu. It is an end to

Jayalalitha Jayaram, pushed Con-

glamour politics, with people voting on ideological grounds," said a Congress leader and member of parliament, Jayanti Natarajan. Two northeastern states, Mizoram and Nagaland, also voted Saturday.

Early results showed Congress with seven seats against five for a local grouping in Nagaland and Congress leading with three seats to two for local parties in Mizoram.

Victory in both these small states would not compensate for the huge defeat in the south hecause of Tamil Nadu's size and its 50 million Tamils with close ethnic links to Sri Lanka's minority Tamils.

Karunanidhi said after the results were declared that the Sri Lankan Tamil problem would be a priority issue for him.

He said the DMK victory would give him a better opportunity to help the Tamils in Sri Lanka, where some 50,000 Indian troops are trying to quell resistance by the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

Karunanidhi said LTTE leader Velupillai Prabhakaran bad sent him a message expressing his hope for a DMK win.

ordered to stand trial by himself

on one count of conspiracy to

murder the owner of a cremation

society that Sconce once wanted

will seek to consolidate the two

duced a state law allowing crema-

tory inspection on demand. And law-

suits have been filed against 100

monuaries that used the Sconces'

cremation service on behalf of

families of 17,000 decedents cre-

mated between March 1983 and

The case involves the Lamb

Funeral Home, founded in 1929

by Mrs. Sconce's grandfather:

Coastal Cremations Incorporated

of which David Sconce was presi-

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Coastal Cremations charged

December 1986.

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# Pretoria agrees to cut Namibia force

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (Agencies) -South Africa said Monday it was willing to eliminate 2,300 policemen from the territory as it prepared to grant independence to Africa's last colony. It also named a special envoy to Namibia.

ia, also known as South-West Africa, for 74 years, but has agreed to begin implementing a United Nations independence plan April I, leading to elections

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha said Sunday evening his country had informed United Nations (U.N.) Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar that the Namibian police force could be cut from 8,300 to 6,000 during the transition to independence.

Prior to Botha's announcement, South Africa bad said it would reduce the police presence to 7,000. Botha said the revision was made aftre a "thorough analysis of the security require-

South Africa also has an esti-

South Africa has ruled Nami- figure to 1,500 by the end of June under the U.N. plan.

Also, Willem Retief, currently South Africa's ambassador to West Germany, has been named special envoy to Namihia, the government-run South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) reported Monday. Retief will serve as a liaison

between the current transitional government, the South Africanappointed administrator general and the U.N. special representative to Namibia, Marthi Ahtisaari, the SABC said. In a related development.

South Africa's acting president. Chris Heunis, was to meet Monday with local government offi-cials from Namibia to discuss the independence process.

Heunis, serving as president mated 50,000 soldiers in Namibia, but is required to reduce the a stroke, met Friday with the

Namibian cabinet for similar

The U.N. in 1966 revoked South Africa's League of Nations mandate to govern Namibia. Since then, the South-West Africa People's organisation (SWA-PO) has been waging a liberation war. SWAPO is widely regarded as the favourite to win the November elections.

U.N. peacekeeping troops are expected in Namibia by April. but the exact size of the force has not been determined. Black African nations and non-aligned countries want to send 7.500 troops at an estimated cost of \$700 million. However, the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, who will be paying most of the cost, want to limit the force to about 4,000 or 4 500 soldiers.

Rightist dissent

Dissident members of South Africa's biggest white supremacist group threatened Monday to form a breakaway movement after an unsuccessful attempt to question their leader over his relationship with an ex-model.

The dissident members of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) said a split in the political far right seemed inevitable after armed supporters of AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche Saturday ejected them from a meeting. 'It is a sad day for the Afrikan-

er cause.... this is the beginning of the end for the AWB." dissident spokesman Dries Alberts told Reuters. "Terre Blanche was not man enough to stand up to questioning."
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Alberts's eviction by burly guards wearing uniforms reminiscent of Hitler's "Brownshirts" prevented him from calling for an inquiry into Terre Blanche's relationship with ex-model Jani Allan, now a iournalist. They were surprised by police

last month after apparently breaking into a public monument after dark. Allan, 37, earlier described the

hearded AWB leader in ber popular weekly interview column as a hunk. Both deny any roman-

Fellow dissident Jan Groenewald, formerly Terre Blanche's deputy, told the Johannesburg Citizen newspaper that the AWB had shown itself to be disorganised and unconstitutional.

"It is now clear that the AWB cannot be saved any more. It is time for a new organisation to be formed," he said.

The AWB, espousing Afrikaner (Dutch descent) supremacy, strict racial segregation and the eventual formation of a whitesonly homeland, refuses to say how many people support it. One newspaper estimated it had a following of about 100,000.

The extremist movement models itself on Hitler's Nazi Party with a Swastika-like flag, open palm salutes and strong military

It bas gained its strongest support from poor Afrikaners who fear the increasing job and status compention from non-whites as the ruling right-wing Nauonal Party gradually reforms the republic's apanheid laws.



Salvador Dali

According to his last wishes,

### Dali — surrealism master who loved to shock

But he was perhaps most

famous for paintings in which

he sought to impose a halln-

cinatory vision on reality and

transform it with fantastic

shapes and juxtapositions, such

as the "Soft Watches" droop-

His meticulous technique lent

an almost photographic air to

dream-like pictures in which

the same shape could resemble

ing over tables.

FIGUERAS, Spain (R) — Salvador Dali, the flamboyant Spanish surrealist painter who loved to shock, was a man of many masks and an enigma perhaps even to himself.

He never appeared to resolve the conflict between artist and showman within him. As everything be did was colourful and on an extravagant scale, critics sometimes wondered how great an artist he really was. Dali, who died Monday aged

84, was one of the last survivors of a generation which stormed the art world in the 1930s. One of the pioneers of surrealism, he was also a writer.

stage designer, jeweller, filmmaker and book illustrator. His pronouncements became as famous as his works - at the age of seven he wrote an auto-biography proclaiming his in-tention of being a genius.

Later he claimed his famous both a swan and an elephant, a pile of rocks and a kneeling

Born in Figureas, in the waxed moustaches were antennorthern corner of Catalonia, May 11, 1904, Dali studied art nae picking up cosmic vibrations, and he once declared the in the 1920s in Madrid and was suspended for a year for incitrailway station at the sonthwestern French town of Perpiging students to insurrection. nan to be the centre of the Jailed briefly for subversion, universe.

he was finally expelled from college for refusing to sit an examination on the grounds that his professors were not competent to indge him. Despite a friendship with

Picasso, Dali was never interested in the cubist school's reconstructions of reality. His "Soft Watches", be said, represented Einstein's space-time concept and were made of "paranoic critical Camembert".

But his insistence on precise graphic style eventually led Dali away from the surrealists. By the late 1930s he had returned to classicism and was becoming influenced by the Italian Renaissance and its fleshy sensuality.

Late in life he became a recluse, shattered by the death of his Russian-born wife, Muse Gala in 1982. He said life meant nothing without her, had her huried at Pubol, shut himself away for two years and virtually stopped painting.

When the 1984 fire, caused probably by an electrical short circuit, engulfed his bedroom, Dali was found to be emaciated and doctors and friends said he had refused to eat because he



**WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF** 

MOSCOW (R) - Azerhaijan's interior minister and two other

ministers were among thousands of party and government figures

disciplined after ethnic unrest in the republic last year, the

Communist Party newspaper Pravda said Monday. Pravda said

the interior minister, A. Mamedov, was given a strong reprimand

and his deputy was dismissed. It said the minister of communal

services and the minister of light industry were punished, but gave

no further details. The official news agency TASS disclosed last

week that more than 2,500 party and government officials in

3 Azerbaijanis disciplined over unrest

which only became known over the weekend, Dali will be huried surrounded by his own works in a crypt in the main room of his museum, which adjoins the Torre Galatea.

### **Scowcroft believes** Cold War not over

WASHINGTON (R) - Brent Scowcroft, President Busb's national security adviser, said Sunday he does not believe the Cold War is over despite the recent improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations.

Scowcroft, interviewed on ABC television's "This Week With David Brinkley," said that while Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev needs to ease tension to of restructuring his country's economy, he also remains interested in "making trouble for the Western alliance.

"I think he believes the best way to do it is a peace offensive rather than to bluster the way some of his predecessors did." be

"I think the Cold War is not over. There may be light at the end of the tunnel (but) I think it depends partly on how we behave whether the light is the sun or an oucoming locomotive," be said.

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the mortuary and tissue bank

removed and sold gold teeth plus

brains, bones, corneas and other

organs without consent of next-

of-kin; embezzlement of interest

from prepaid funeral trust

accounts; illegal cremation of

more than one body at a time, a

It is a felony to dismember

human corpses in California and as a dozen bodies in the crema-

comingling of asbes.

On Jan. 20, 1987, authorities in

boomed in California.

Trial nears in mass cremations scandal, thefts

Scowcroft, a soft-spoken retired air force general, expressed reservations about some of the Reagan administration's arms control policies such as its MIDport for a 50 per cent reduction in strategic nuclear weapons He hinted the Bush administration might change or modify some of the U.S. proposals on the table at the so-called START talks in Geneva, scheduled to resume

"We're not trying to slow down or delay (START talks) but we want to make sure that they are in fact in accord with exactly the way we want to proceed," Scowcroft said.

President Bush has said that while technical issues might be addressed in the interim, be and his advisers plan a full-scale review of U.S. arms policy before resuming substantive negona-

other mortuaries only \$55 per a misdemeanor for crematoriums tory retorts, or ovens. "I looked

David Edwards, a driver for

the crematory from 1983 to De-

cember 1985, testified at one

hearing that David Sconce paid to

bave funeral directors beaten.

pried gold teeth from corpses and

boasted of the number of bodies

Edwards said he and two

others divided \$750 for attacking

the directors, whom David Sconce feared would publisb

allegations of multiple cremations

"He wanted them messed up

He said be often saw as many

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Scowcroft denied that he opposed former President

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Brent Scowcroft

Reagan's cherished plan to construct a land-and space-based shield against enemy missiles the so-called Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) - hut suggested that he believes the new administration should slow down the

programme.
"I bave been an opponent of moving forward with a massive programme until we understand clearly how it fits in with what we want to do," he said.

Edwards said David Sconce

sometimes spoke about setting

records for stacking bodies. "It

was over 13 and the old records

He told of bolding a flashlight

while David Sconce pulled gold

teeth from the mouths of a dozen

corpses, and said be once saw him

smasb a corpse's jaw with a crow-

The prosecution has not calcu-

"They were cremating like

lated the number of bodies that

allegedly were handled illegally

8,000 bodies a year," she said,

and multiple cremations were

conducted on a daily basis.

bar to get at gold teeth.

were continually being broken.

#### Azerbaijan had been disciplined for being actively involved in riots and demonstrations, encouraging them or failing to halt them. It did not specify who had been disciplined,

U.S. rallies mark abortion ruling NEW YORK (AP) - Thousands of anri-abortion and pro-choice activists held rallies across the United States Sunday marking the 16th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that legalised abortions. "Change in direction is brought about by citizens at the grassroots level." Asa Hutchinson, a lawyer and former federal prosecutor, said at a rally in Little Rock, Arkansas. Opponents of abortion have been trying to win reversal of the 1973 court ruling legalising abortions during the first two-thirds of a pregnancy. The Supreme Court recently has decided to review a Missouri state law that declares life begins at conception, a case that could counteract the 1973 ruling. An estimated 4,500 abortion protesters marched in Saint Paul to the state Capitol. There were no

### Chun's brother's term upheld

SEOUL (R) - An appeals court Monday upbeld a seven-year jail sentence for the younger brother of former South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan for involvement in a multi-million dollar corruption scandal, court officials said. Chun Kyung-Hwan, 45, was charged with embezzlement of more than \$10 million in public funds, tax evasion, accepting bribes and other irregularities while heading the state-backed Saemaul Rural Development Agency during his brother's eight-year rule. He was arrested sbortly after the former strongman stepped down in February last year.

### Basque group extends truce

MADRID (R) — The Basque separatist guerrilla group ETA said Sunday it was extending a two-week-old truce for the next two months to facilitate talks with the government. ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) announced the extension in a statement to the Basque newspaper Egin, its usual channel of communication. A spokesman for Egin quoted the statement as saying ETA was opening a "period of detente" which would last until the Basque national day March 26. "That clearly means a truce." he said. The statement said the extended truce followed an agreement between ETA and the government to begin negotiations in

MOSCOW (AP) - A bored bunter killing time with his gun shot out a power-line insulator, blacking out a city of 140,000 people and causing more than \$1.5 million in lost industrial production, it has been reported. It took almost seven hours for the power line to be repaired and for electricity to be restored to the south-ern city of Maikop, about 1,300 kilometres south of Moscow, and to surrounding villages, according to the Communist Party daily newspaper Pravda. The outage brought Maikop factories to a halt, and caused \$1.6 million in lost production, Pravda said. Los-ses totalled \$190,000 at a local furniture factory and \$416,000 at a plant making industrial communications equipment, it said. Pravda did not say when the blackout occurred, and indicated the bored marksman had not

### banish emotion? Sweden can, says professor Can a country

By Alan Elsner

STOCKHOLM — Can an entire nation banish emotion from its political, social, even its sexual life?

According to Ake Daun, ethnography professor at Stockholm University, Swedes have done just that. The result is an efficient, rational hut somewhat cold and impersonal society.

In a book due to be pub-lished in March called "The Swedish Mentality", Daun draws on a battery of psychological and sociological studies measuting and comparing the emotional responses of different nations.

His conclusion: "Swedes give a low value to emotion and a high value to rationality.

Strong emotions are suppressed or repressed and emotion is kept out of the life of the

society."
"There is no Swedish equivalent of the French 'crime of passion'. Strong feelings are not to any great extent seen as extenuating circumstances," Daun told Reuters in an inter-

More controversially, the researcher also suggests that Swedes not only value emotion less than other people, but actually seem to feel things less strongly.

Most Swedes questioned about this disagreed strongly. They may not exhibit temperament as much as other people hut deep down their feelings are just as strong, they said. But if Daun's theory were

true, it would explain a great

deal about Sweden - its wellorganised but impersonal welfare state, the weak hold of religion on its people, its unflappable tennis stars who never seem to lose their cool, even its uninhibited and unsentimental approach to sex.

"Sex." says Daun, "is seen by many Swedes as a mere bodily function. Whereas for many people elsewhere, sexual satisfaction is mixed in with many other levels in a relationship, here it is looked at as something technical."

Daun's researches also suggested that Swedes go to greater lengths than other people to avoid conflict. Their instinct is to back away and look for

Daun compared the different reactions of representative groups of Swedes and Finns.

Asked if they easily lost their tempers when they did not get what they wanted, 31 per cent of the Finns answered "yes" but only 19 per cent of the Swedes. Asked if they sometimes be-

came frantic with anger, 52 per cent of Finns said "yes" compared to 38 per cent of Swedes. Daun said a visit to a Swedish maternity ward was re-

"While in labour, Swedish women groan as little as possible and in many cases afterwards ask if they yelled too much. If they find out they didn't, it is seen as positive,"

be said. When Prime Minister Olof Palme was assassinated in 1986, 24 per cent of adult Swedes admitted to crying. But 44 per cent of first generation

immigrants to Sweden said that they wept, while 53 per cent of adult Americans cried after the murder of U.S. President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

This attitude, prizing the rational above sentiment, also sets the tone for Swedish politics and business life. Swedish firms are avid appliers of new technology and ruthless in scrapping what is old and inefficient.

Trade unions, which are often represented on the boards of companies, often do not oppose job cuts if there are rational arguments to back them.

"If a social reform or an industrial innovation seems to be backed up by rational argument, you can't oppose it in Sweden just by being angry or appealing to the past," Daun

"The fact that a person really dislikes free abortion for example is hardly ever considered a legitimate argument. Only objective arguments are considered valid.

Rationality leads many Swedes to believe that it is the duty of the state to care for the sick, the old and the infirm. Old people are hustled off to institutions where they are expertly cared for.

Immigrants quoted by Daun, who were used to children taking care of their aged parents, said the Swedish system was efficient but lacked human compassion.

Why are Swedes so Swedish?

Daun's supports the theory of British social scientist Ricbard Lynn who argued that

national differences in neuroticism depended on the amount of stress to which a particular people had been subjected.

Stress was caused by factors such as military defeat and occupation, political instability, economic disruptions and climate. Judged on all these criteria, Sweden scores low,

Many Swedes regard their ordered society as a model for the rest of the world to emulate. But when Daun asked immigrants in Sweden for their views, the picture was diffe-

"Immigrants we surveyed thought Swedish society was good hut Swedes themselves were not good," he said.

"They were so difficult to reach, so impossible to make friends with, so cold."

#### Gauguin on display in Paris

PARIS (AP) - Some 300 works by Paul Gauguin, the French painter who rejected the comforts of middle-class life to pursue art in the Polynesian wild, have gone on show at the Grand Palais in the first major retrospective of his work in 40 years. "Gauguin," running through April 24, is a two-million-dollar co-production with the Art Institute of Chicago and the Washington National Gallery of Art, which presented slightly different versions of the show last year. The French have not had a comprehensive look at Gauguin since 1949, and they have embraced bis works wholebeartedly. The show has been billed as the blockbuster art event of the season, drawing some 6.000 visitors daily. Critics say the highlights are 11 paintings on loan from the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad and Moscow's Pushkin Museum, which rarely leave the Soviet Union. They include "Pastorales Tahitiennes' (1892), a brightly coloured hucolic scene which Gauguin believed was his "hest" Tabinan effort. With its flat surface, exotic flowers and sensuous women in narive dress, the work sums up Gauguin's essence.

### Idaho fights invaders

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) -They are fighting invaders in Idaho Falls, and the outcome is still in doubt. "We have never had so many moose in Idaho Falls in the winter time," said fish and game regional wildlife hiologist Justin Naderman. Since Jan. 1, I1 moose have wandered into the city, only to be subdued and moved out on the desert north of town. But six more are reportedly still on the loose, though damage has been confined to some nibbled shrubs and knocked-down fencing. "In the winter, when they get a taste of ornamental shrubs, they just don't want to leave," said Naderman, wbo leads an almost-daily foray into downtown after the invaders.

#### False alarm culprit found

(AP) — Security guards, baffled for eight days by false alarms at Twin Rivers Elementary School, have found the culprit - a teddy bear. Principal Paul Phipps said the mystery was solved maintenance worker smacked his hand down on a ladder in frustration. The teddy bear replied with a heep. The bear, a learning tool for special children's needs' responds with a beep to touch, movement or sound, Phipps said. Someone bad left the bear on a beat register. Every time the hotwater heater clanked at night, the bear beeped, triggering a silent alarm repeatedly over the winter holidays. "All we had to do was move the toy," Phipps said. "The bear's heen behaving himself ever

#### **Bored hunter** blacks out city

been caught. "So who is going to answer for this?" Pravda asked.

### Slowest chase on record

GREENSBURG. Pennsylvania (AP) — A man was charged with stealing a forklift after leading police on one of the slowest chases on record. "I guess you could say we bad a high-speed chase at 11 kilometres per hour." said police Lieutenant Ronald Waugaman. Clinton J. Gandy, 48, allegedly hopped on the 1981 Caterpillar tow motor, turned the keys that had been left in the ignition and drove off. An employee of Overly Manufacturing Company, which owns the vehic cle, called police, and a cruise, with flashing lights and a blanner, siren caught up with the crawings. Caterpillar. "When he saw the car, he just turned around." smiled, waved and kept of going," Waugaman said.

CASTLEGAR, British Columbia